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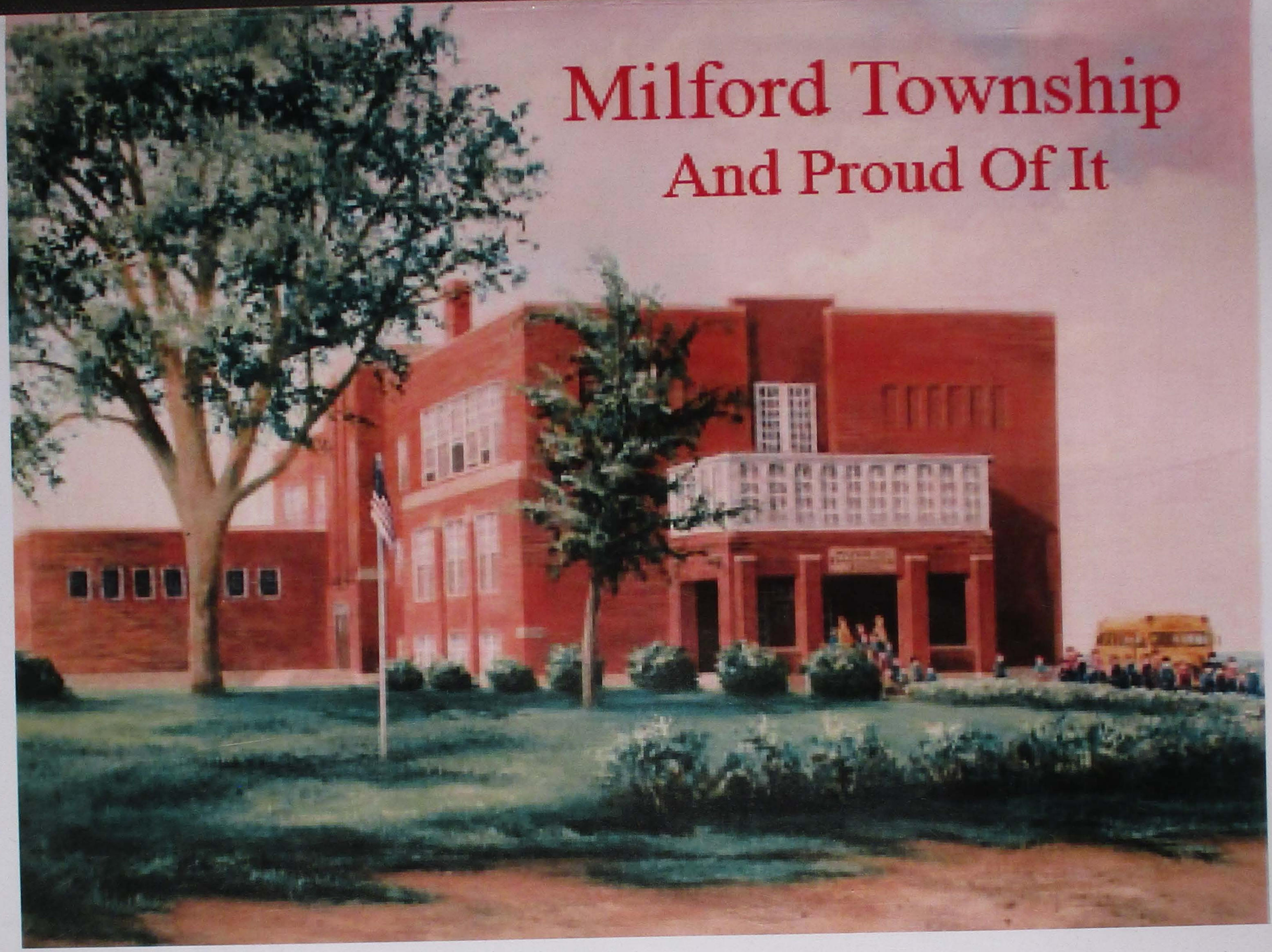

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A History of Milford Township and Milford Township Consolidated School at Nevada, Iowa

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Front Cover by Sandra "Sandi" Nelson Allen, a commissioned artist who now lives near Omaha. She attended Milford High School but finished her High School education at Ames '59. She married fellow Milfordite, Eddie Allen '58. Not only has she done this rendition of Milford, she has painted similar pictures of Fernald and Shipley Schools.

FOREWORD

In writing a history of a school, and its community, it is soon realized that it is very much as writing a biography of an individual. As in the life of an individual, a school is created and born, functions as a living entity, and soon, perhaps all too soon, passes out of existence. That which is remembered and recorded is the perception of the writer or the teller and how that recorder of the memoir wants the reader to envision the remembered individual or place. The new school creates a new community that receives inputs and personality from the residents and conversely, the residents receive enthusiasm, spirit, and energy from the community. Often, that which is the mundane, but yet creates a memory, either good or impassive, is the most difficult to communicate since this memory seems largely to simply evaporate away, but not to naught, just to a faint whisper in the corner of one's memory. Words can't convey the hazy clouds that dwell in the memory. Yet, this type of memory can be the one that creates the overall impression of a place; sitting in the classroom, standing in the lunch line, waiting for the bus, playing at recess, going to seemingly endless study halls, hoping the teacher doesn't say anything when you know you're the guilty one, hoping the teacher doesn't call on you when you haven't been paying attention or haven't prepared a thing for what she's talking about.

Milford Twp, as a community, seems to have been born, in the early twenties with the formation of the Consolidated School and died, or at least fallen apart, in 1961 with the closing of the high school. With the loss of the high school and the removal of the grade school students, the heart seems to have departed from our community. As with a death of a loved one, a longing for the old familiar things develops and even though other things can step forward in an attempt to replace the departed, nothing seems to fit. Alternatives offer themselves and, although they may leave a good memory, the comfortableness of the old happenings and surroundings just will not be replaced. Some might say that it was simply because we were young then.

A word about errors: Much effort, very much effort, has been used to create lists and stories that are 100% free of errors. However, when using other sources of information, they might have errors in them and, unfortunately, we would simply have transposed them. There might be some simple typing errors, as in dates, and only the people involved would be aware of these. When visiting with people about events from their memory, dates and names, for example, are very easily in error and then, when it's in print, the error is very noticeable and unfortunately remains there as long as the record lasts. Also, the school year not being the same as the calendar year causes some problems. If a person is reported to have taught in '55, does that mean the school year that ended in '55 or does it mean she started teaching in fall '55? We apologize for any error and ask for your understanding in these matters.

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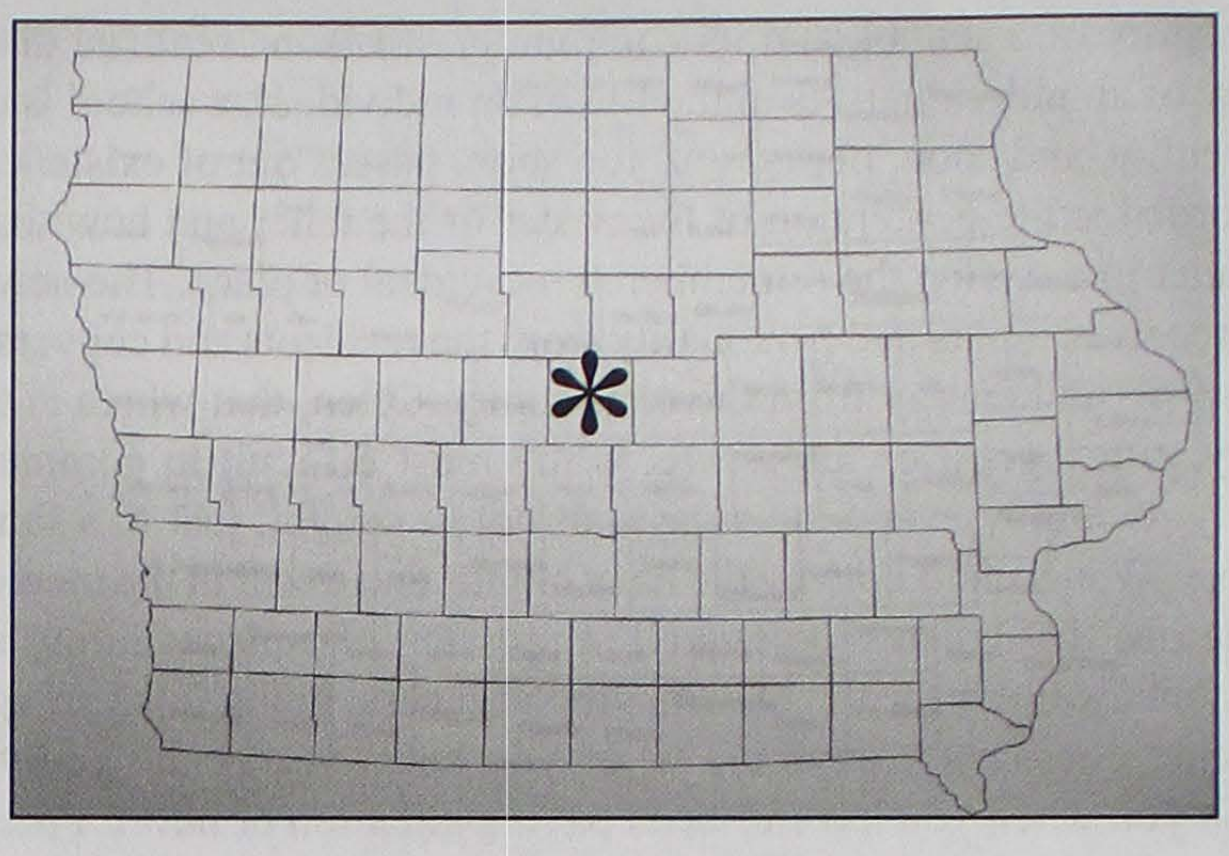

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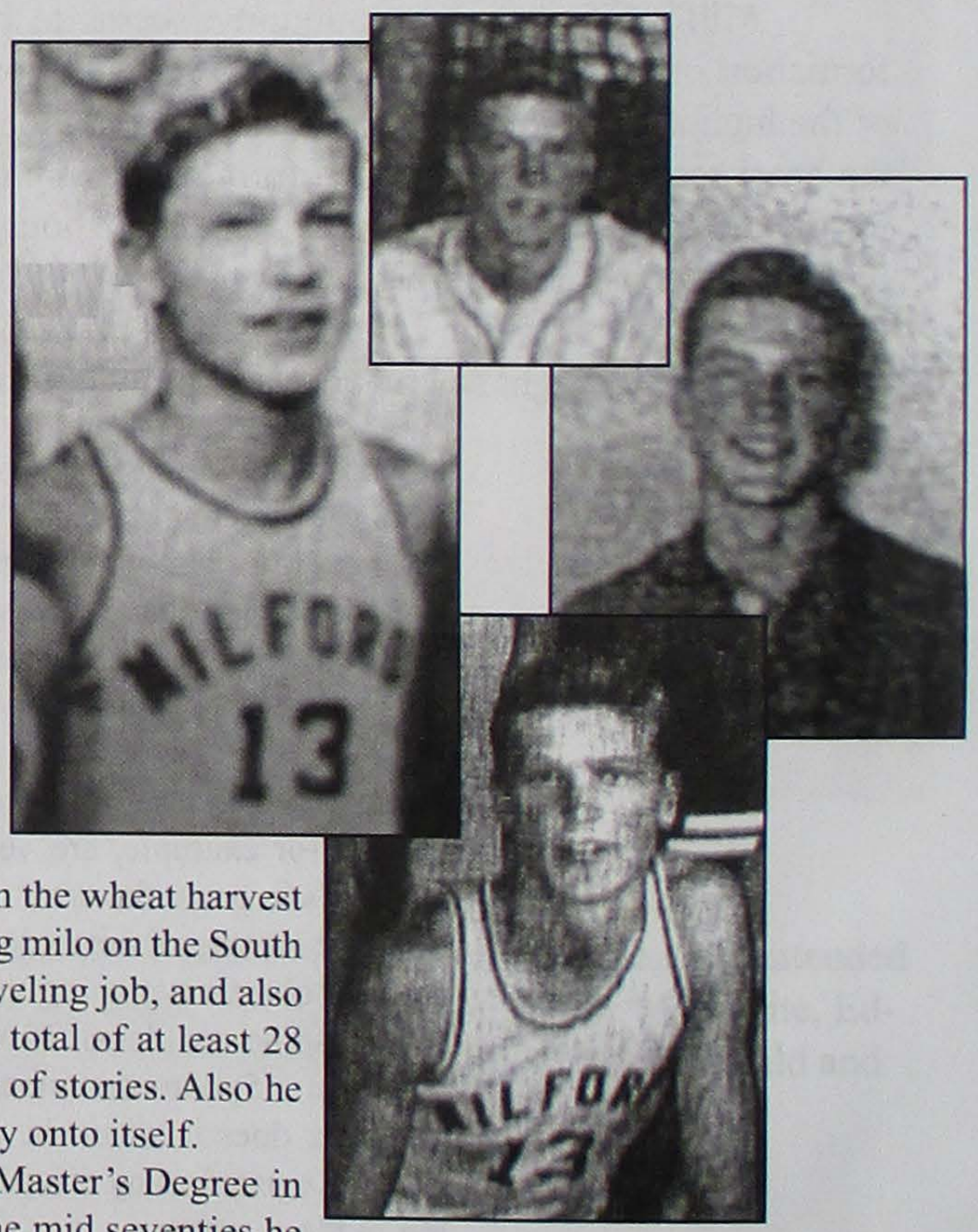


Dale Hughes is a fifth generation Milfordite who graduated with the class of 1955, 2 boys and 5 girls.

Following High School graduation he attended Oklahoma University and obtained a four year degree in Geology. It has been asked how he happened to attend OU and the answer is simple: He had an Uncle who had a degree in Geology from OU and his Dad said that if he can get through OU, then, by golly, I think you can too and so it was OU.

Following a hitch in the Air Force, he undertook a multiyear effort to work at some different job or have a different adventure every summer and a different job in the winter with returning to central Iowa for the fall and spring crop work. This effort was rewarded with jobs on a wide diversity of job titles from wheat harvest hand, to general hand on a freighter, to forest fire fighter, painter's assistant in California, five summers as a Park Ranger for the National Park Service, and one year as a Park Ranger for the Army Corp of Engineers in Mississippi. Thrown in between was a short year as a Semi truck driver, and three years of operating his own equipment on the wheat harvest from central Texas to northwest Montana and one season cutting milo on the South Plains of Texas. He delivered beer trucks, which was a real traveling job, and also spent a winter working in a saw mill in Washington. He had a total of at least 28 different jobs which lead to an accumulation of a wide variety of stories. Also he owned a small airplane in the late sixties which could be a story onto itself.

In the early seventies he returned to school to earn a Master's Degree in Park Administration from Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas. In the mid seventies he was married and was the father of three daughters and one son.

He continued with the participation in basketball and slow pitch softball through the present time when not working on the Hall Of Pride display in Des Moines or working on this book with coeditor Jurine Borton, page 211, which turned into a project of a greater magnitude than can ever be imagined.

Jurine & Dale — Enjoy the memories

CHAPTER I

A Timeline About the Development and Demise of Milford Schools

Milford Twp Land Surveyed June 1847
Milford Twp is Founded in 1858

Milford township was apparently named by Solomon Young who had settled in Story County before 1856 in the Pleasant Grove area. He had come from Milford Township in Somerset County Pennsylvania. At a meeting at the court house or, perhaps at the home of J.H. Keigley, in early 1858, when the township of Milford was separated from Franklin Township and Nevada Township, he apparently suggested the name and was supported in this suggestion by George Sowers, one of settlers from 1853, and others- and so it was.

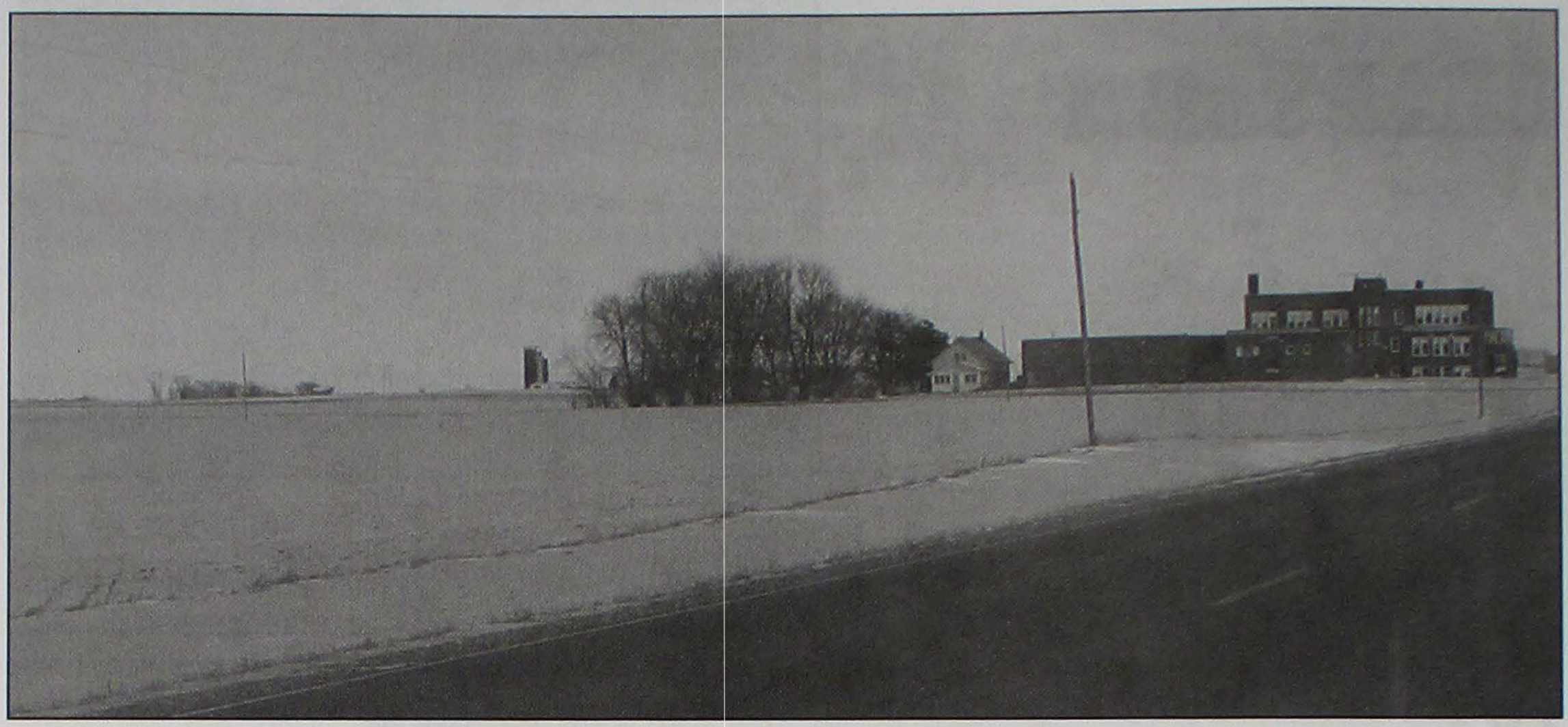
The population of Milford Twp started its growth mainly in the northwest corner in the Pleasant Grove area which offered the protection and comfort of the woods and the water power for a mill. European settlers moved into Milford Twp in the early 1850's and by 1856 there were enough settlers in this area of Pleasant Grove that any following settlers found it necessary to purchase land from original settlers. Milford Township was founded in 1858 and by 1862 Milford Township had but 28 dwellings. (For a discussion of the Soper's Mill, see elsewhere in the book)

Perhaps the earliest school for the folks of the very northwest corner of Milford Twp was a log structure near the center of Sec 19, east of the river, in Howard Township. This was the, now little known, Poverty School in Starvation Hollow. Hack Horness and Rhiner Honderd (long term residents of the northwest corner of Milford Twp) spoke of this school occasionally. Hack and Rhiner spoke of it as though it stood somewhere near the "H" tree but actually it was a mile and a half north of there in the middle of Sec 19 in Howard Township. It was built in 1855 as the first public school in the area and was the school of use for youngsters far up and down the river. It was also used as a place for all kinds of meetings in the area with attendance often far exceeding its ability to hold all those interested in hearing the speakers.

Some of the young people of northwest Milford Township attended school as far south as Bloomington in the mid 1850's. (Lydia Agnes Hughes Dodds, obituary, 1847-1937; She taught at Pleasant Grove School prior to 1868 when there were 56 students enrolled there.) It has not been found exactly when Pleasant Grove School and Milford School (both later subdistricts) were founded, but a reasonably accurate estimate would be that one was in operation by 1858 and the other by 1860. There was a school located on the J.H. Keigley property in 1857, but as this school was on the west side of the Skunk River, which would have been a formidable obstacle at that time, it is not known if any Milford students from east of the river attended this school

By 1869 there were three schools in Milford Twp, all in the northwest corner of the township. These were all of frame construction. (The brick structure at Pleasant Grove wasn't built until 1884 or 1885) The others were the Blackberry school located two miles east of Pleasant Grove and the original Milford School which was a frame structure located two miles south of Pleasant Grove in the very southeast corner of Sec 18. (This was to become the famous Randau School in the late teens when the consolidation petitions and votes were occurring. Randau School- No.4, coupled with the Tarman School-No. 7, were the prizes in court battles)

After a fashion, the location of these three schools was unexpected as one of the very first school districts formed in Story County in the late 1850's was of 16 square miles with the center of this school district in the very southeast corner of Milford Twp.



Our School, dozing in the unwarming sun of a winter's day, seems to be waiting patiently for the scholars to return.

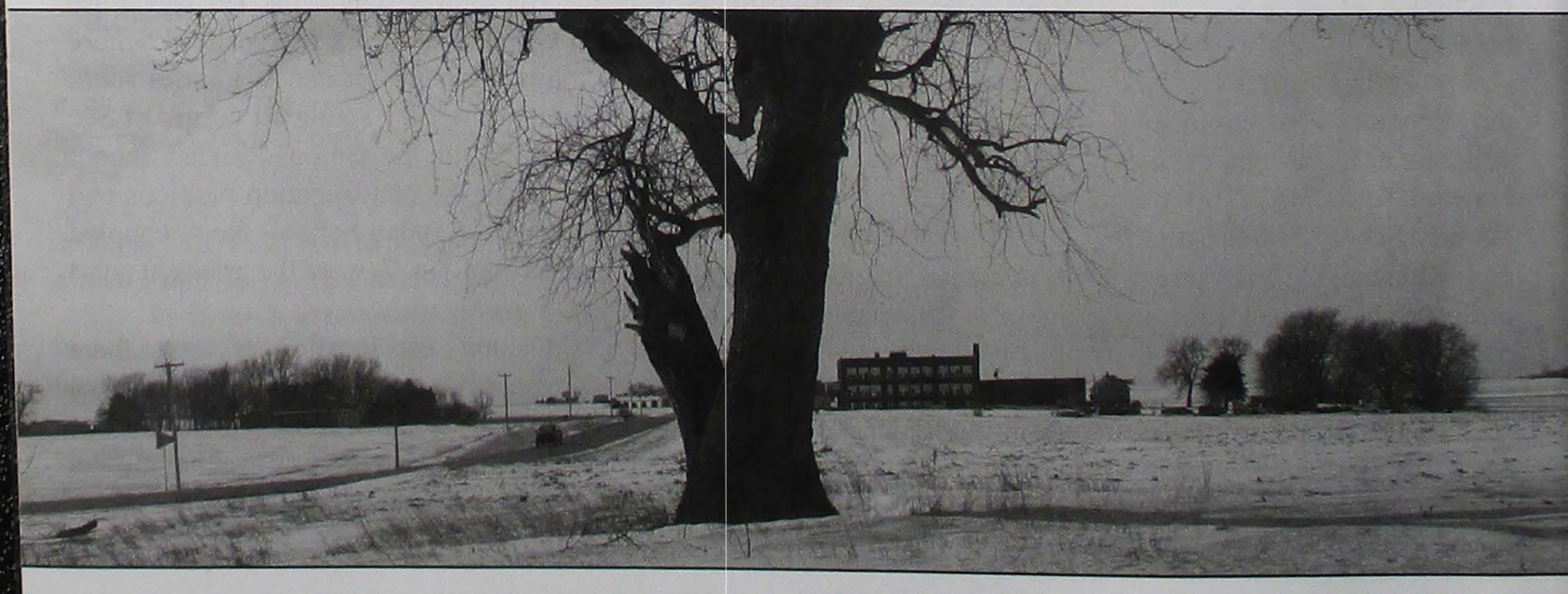
Apparently no school was built or perhaps it was in Nevada Township or Grant Township. On the other hand, much of Milford Twp was not settled until later (than 1858) because there were no plows that could handle the soils away from the river. Furthermore, the main interest was in the timberlands which offered their protection and supplies of firewood and building material with water and the prevailing concept that where trees could grow- there the best crops could be grown also.

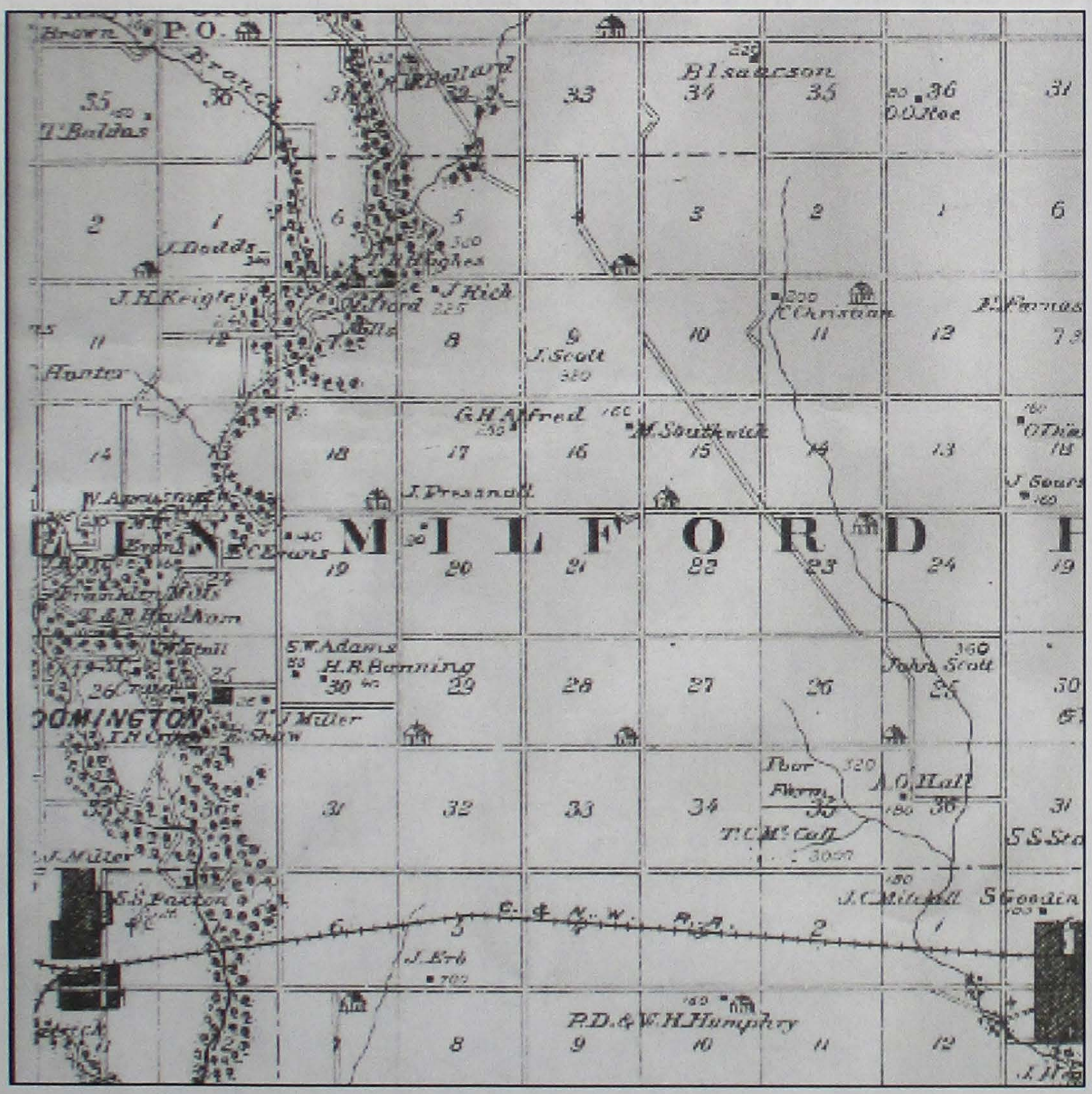
By 1873, there were 8 of the 9 subdistrict schools in operation with 212 students but only an average daily attendance of 92. The one not in operation was, most likely, No. 8, the one in the south central area of Milford Twp.

By 1875 all nine rural one room schools were in place. The political township of Milford Twp was an independent school district onto itself and the nine schools were subdistricts. This contrasted with some of the other townships in Story County (i.e. Franklin, Palestine, Union, and Sherman) in which each of the four square mile districts was an independent school district and was recorded as such in the early records (1870's) of the state.

The subdistrict school numbering system was unexpectedly complicated in that, basically, it followed the system of numbering used in the numbering of the Secs within a township. In other words, it started at the northeast corner and went to the west, then south two miles and then east to the east border and then south two miles and then back to the west.

The Milford School, the second school constructed in Milford Twp, of the pre twentieth





This 1875 map from Andres shows the portion of the diagonal road that ran to the northwest from Nevada still in existence at that time. The family names on the map are, by no means, a complete listing of the people who lived in the area. There was a fee for having one's name placed on the map and most considered it not worth it.

Note the ford of the river southwest of the Milford Mills in the west middle of Sec 7. This map shows the location of the nine one room schools.

On a sunny clear day in the winter of 2006-'07, this photo, taken from the south, shows some of the gradual and unavoidable aging of Milford School. However, with the addition of a coat of paint on the greenhouse, which now is boarded up, it would give the impression, at least from the exterior, that it's ready for young scholars. Also, to the east of the school is shown some of the accumulation of articles that has taken place.

century, and on the 1912 map, was located two miles west of the later Milford Township Consolidated School. Of course, at the time, it was a wood frame one room building. In 1900 there were 226 students enrolled in Milford Township's nine schools with an average attendance of 147.

As a footnote: In 1923, when J.W. Sowers wrote an extremely brief history of the early schools (two) in Milford Twp, he placed this Milford School in the very northwest corner of Sec 20. This, of course, was not the location of the post-1875 school which would have been diagonally across the intersection to the northwest in the southeast corner of Sec 18. He also placed Pleasant Grove School, the first school in Milford Twp, in the very southeast corner of Sec 7. This would have put it a mile south of the Pleasant Grove Church and School site of the late nineteenth and the twentieth centuries. If he would have written Sec 6 in his history, he would have had the school within a few yards of the current location. Since he wrote the southeast of the southeast of the southeast and, very distinctly, wrote Sec 7, how could he have made a simple mistake? It, the present location, would read - the northeast of the northeast of the northeast of Sec 7. So, perhaps, the school was there, in the southeast, for a short time and placed those two schools a little over a mile apart.

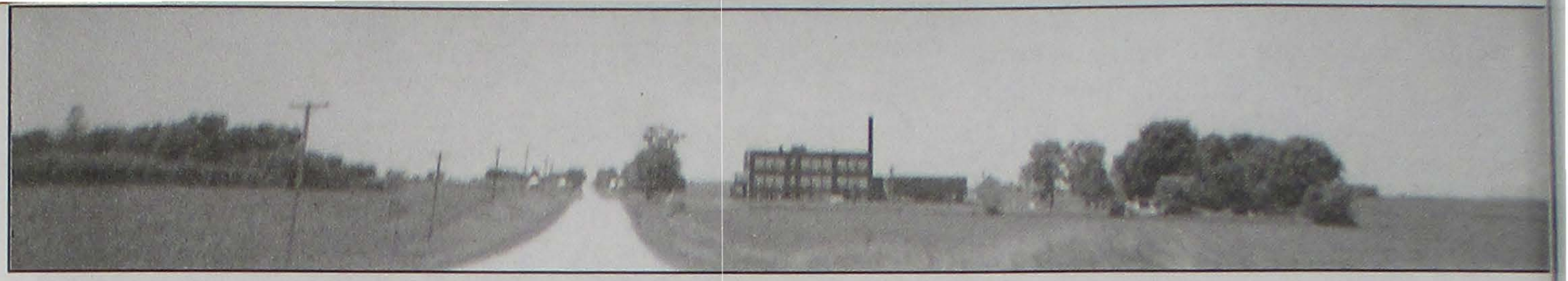
Legislation in 1862, when school districts were basically laid out, probably caused the location of the Pleasant Grove School to change so it could more readily serve more families. Pleasant Grove School was labeled as school No. "One" through the summer of 1868, after which time it was referred to as No. "Three" to conform to the standard method of numbering the subdistrict schools.

Bottom of Previous Page: The 1926 map shows the roads that had been graveled at the time along with the rural mail routes- Roland, Nevada, Ames and Story City. Also, note that by this time, the rural one room schools have disappeared from Milford Twp but three are still in existence in west Richland Twp. and a couple are visible in Franklin Twp. The numbering of the Secs is visible and the two churches in Milford Twp are shown in Secs 7 and 18. This map also shows Dry Creek in North Milford Twp. This seems noteworthy in that the famous Hoover farmstead of the 1860 fire sat just to the south side of this creek in east half of Sec four. Also, a drowning occurred in this creek along the road that runs north-south through the middle of Sec four. Note also on the north side of Sec 4, the road only goes a half mile east west.

A view to the northwest of the Stagestop Hill in the SE quarter of Sec 4. This view would have been roughly the same angle that the diagonal road travelor of the 1860's would have seen. The house in the center of the buildings is the old house that is built at an angle that parrelled the road. Picture from the spring of 2007.

The names of the subdistrict schools are, at this time very difficult to establish as they had, at various times, different names besides the numbering system. It is possible with detailed research to establish the names of the subdistrict schools, and it would be correct for that school year but the following year it probably wouldn't be accurate as one or more of the directors might have changed. There were geographical names i.e., North, South, East, and Center. Some were named after the teacher (probably unofficially) but most were named for the director of that subdistrict who usually was a nearby farmer or landowner. This director was responsible for the day to day operation of the school. It was he who was responsible to hire the teacher, arrange living quarters for her, keep the supply of heating fuel available, deal with the minor upkeep on the buildings and grounds, etc. There seemed to be a rapid turnover of teachers but this could readily be expected as quite often the teachers were young ladies of marriage age and they were very soon courted and won by the local swains. Also, the school year was divided into two distinct terms. One typically, in the summer of three months and the other usually four months during the winter. Each term of school would require a contract for that teacher.

The schools were, most often, named for the director of that subdistrict. For example, Curtiss School (Center School Number 5) was named after the Curtiss family who owned the quarter Sec across the road to the west. At other times the Center School



This hazy picture, taken in mid- summer some time in the late fifties, almost captures the hazy memory of our fine school.

was called Smith School as the Marion Smith family owned the 320 acres across the road to the west and Fred Smith owned the 80 acre farm across the road to the south. At the Bateman School (No.9); the Bateman family owned 240 acres across the road to the south, and the quarter Sec where the school was. Another example was School Number. 1, the very northeast school. It was referred to as the Hegland School (not to be confused with another Hegland School that was few miles east of Roland) and the Hegland family owned property a quarter mile south of this school. On the other hand, the Randau School (No.4) was on a portion of the property owned by the Randau family but Mr Randau was probably the director also.

In the early portion of the twentieth century (especially 1906-1925), throughout Iowa, a surging of interest built for the closing and the consolidation of the rural one room schools. By reading the literature of the time, it is difficult to ascertain from where this groundswell originated. Nevertheless, one can pick up an underlying current of a property tax money grab under the guise of better education. Occasionally every voter in a subdistrict would sign a petition and vote opposing the consolidation only to have that petition denied and the consolidation forced upon them by the gerrymandering of district borders. Three of the things that increased the perceived quality of education that coincided with the consolidation movement of the period (1906-1925) were the tightening of attendance requirements; Secondly, the extension of the school

Following is a very brief summary of the nine subdistrict schools with their location and a name or two for each:

Subdistrict one- called the Hegland School in the late 19th century.
located in the very northeast corner of Sec of Sec 11.
Subdistrict two- North School, aka Blackberry (some have called it Blueberry)
located in the very southwest corner of Sec 4. Durby school in 1908.
Subdistrict three- Pleasant Grove, aka Sowers
located in the very northeast corner of Sec 7. New "Coal Shed" 1911
Subdistrict four- Milford School, aka Randau in the teens. Rebuilt in 1903.
located in the very southeast corner of Sec 18. (two miles west of MTCS)
Subdistrict five- Center School, Curtiss School, Smith School. Rebuilt in 1903.
located in the very southwest corner of Sec 15.
Subdistrict six- McNichols school, also probably called the Confare School
located in the very northeast corner of Sec 23.
Subdistrict seven- was called the Tarman School in the teens
located in the very southwest corner of Sec 25.
Subdistrict eight- South School
located in the very southeast corner of Sec 28.
Subdistrict nine- Bridwell School, aka Bateman School, aka Warren School
located in the very southwest corner of Sec 29.

In 1908 the schools were:
#1 -Christian #6 -McDonald
#2 -Durby #7 -Kelly
#3 -Sowers #8 -Melohn
#4 -Kooser #9 -Pettinger
#5 -Vail

In 1909 the schools were:
#1 -Danielson
#2 -Peterson
#3 -Kimble
#4 -Randau
#5 -Molde?
#6 -Smith
#7 -Sanders?
#8 -Boland
#9 -Pettinger

In 1911 the schools were:
#1 -Danielson
#4 -Randau
#5 -Smith
#6 -McDonald
#9 -Pettinger

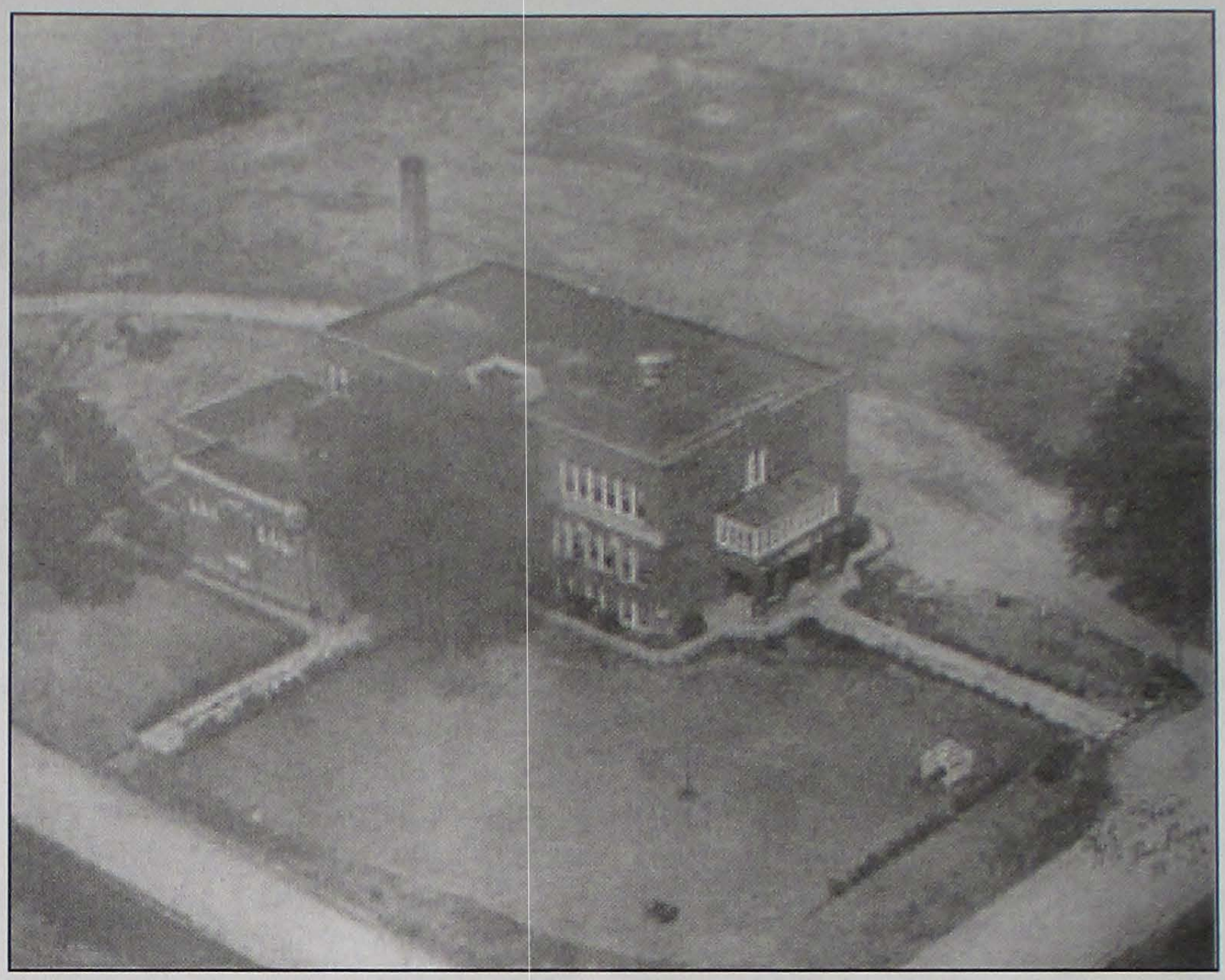
year from eight months to nine months. Thirdly, some have felt that increasing the qualification requirements for teachers also was a major factor in obtaining a better education for the young people. And, perhaps, it could be argued that had these three elements been adopted in themselves and applied to the one room school scenario; that would have taken some of the "wind out of the sails" for the consolidation people.

The voters of Milford Township of the time may have realized that with five towns lying close to its borders these communities may have pulled off portions of Milford Twp until there would not be enough territory and taxable property for the remainder to function as a viable independent high school. North Grant, Nevada, Fernald, Roland, Gilbert, etc had already had their consolidation turmoil and were probably looking toward the green pastures of Milford Twp for some extra tax dollars. So, to retain the community some voters accepted the philosophy that perhaps they'd better unite, pull together, and form their own school or they might not even have a school in their community.

Seen now as an intermediate step, our neighbor to the south, Grant Twp, devised a system of "Union Schools" in 1911 in which the one room schools were administratively grouped in threes (but not moved) and used as a unit in which the students were segregated by class (1-3, 4-6, & 7-9) in one of the three schools. By State of Iowa law of 1911, when a student finished this schooling he was eligible to attend any high school in the state he chose with the district to pay the tuition. The administration of these Union Schools published a very thorough and enlightening manual about this method of improving the education of the youngsters but this system also was swept aside and Grant Twp adopted the consolidation method earlier than did Milford Twp.

In 1906 the legislature had established the minimum size for a consolidated school at 16 square miles. Also, in this time period, elections could be held as often as every two weeks by simply arranging the district's borders somewhat differently and filing a petition for a vote and unbelievably, the time the polls were open could be adjusted. There is mention of a vote taken in Milford Twp in which the polls were open for an hour and a half!- noon to 1:30 - nine people voted and the measure carried- 6-3. In another instance, the central portion of the township had the most support for the issue at question and the only place to vote was at the Center School (No. 5). The election was held in January when the roads were undoubtedly difficult to traverse, if possible at all. The measure carried.

Again, from the east, on a beautiful, but cold, winter's day in 2007, a slightly exaggerated panorama view captures the open landscape of the center of Milford Township.



From the Farrell Brown Collection: A 1936 aerial view of Milford Township Consolidated School. Note the kiosk that stood between the School and the south road which was in place until about the end of the War and also the baseball field which doesn't seem to have any type of a backstop.

Various Important Dates in the Consolidation Struggle in Milford Twp (1919-1932)

1919 Late summer- A petition to have a portion of Milford Twp go to the Nevada School District was submitted to the County Board of Education, but this proposal was later defeated at the polls. No record of the vote tally could be found.

1919 Dec. 24- A petition of 81 signatures was filed with the County Board of Education for the consolidation of the school district of Milford Twp into one school. This would include all of Milford Twp and a small portion of Franklin Twp. At the time of this petition, Milford, which, in the paper, is quoted as having about 100 students, (this is probably an average daily attendance figure) had 9 rural one room schools of which three were closed; two because of a lack of students and a third because no place could be found to board the teacher. "Two (closed) because of a lack of students" is what was reported in the newspaper. When looking at the census for 1920, this explanation doesn't seem to "hold water". Perhaps, one explanation might be that there was a great deal of personality conflict between the teachers and some of the parents and a number of these parents opted not to send their youngsters to school. There was a minimum number of students required to keep a school open, so, therefore the school would be considered closed. The two closed because of a lack of scholors were No.s 8 and 9 and no information could be found as to which school was closed because of a teacher situation.

1920 Jan. 27- Milford Township voted to develop a consolidated school. No mention of election numbers.

1920 Feb. 13- Milford Township elects directors. School board members were seated on 18 Feb 1920- To serve until next annual meeting, E.G. Morfey, O.G. Twedt; to second annual meeting Frank Allen and J. Twedt; and to the third annual meeting D. O. Christy. Henry Birkeland was elected treasurer.

1920 April 29- Milford Twp voted bonds for $90,000 to build a school. This vote was appealed to the district court and an injunction was obtained to hold up the issuance of these bonds and until that matter worked

This fantastic, but poor quality picture, is the only known photo to exist of the six one room schools that sat for a short time in the southwest corner of Sec 15. The date of the photo is the late winter or early spring of 1923. The photographer, unknown now, was standing south of the road and shooting to the north-northwest. The unpaved or ungraveled road passes in front of the photographer and, in the 1950's, a couple of the large trees in the foreground, which shaded the playground area, were identifiable in photos of that era. The larger dark colored shed in the right of the picture is a coal shed. These were moved to the location as were the "privies". The small dark shed to the right of the picture may be such a structure.

its way through the court; there was no available cash to begin the construction. There were 117 votes cast in this vote. (89 men and 28 ladies) (61 in favor and 56 against it) The men voted against it (46 against and 43 favored) but the ladies voted 18 for it and 10 against it- so it carried. It is interesting to learn, in this election, there were two boxes for the ballots. One for the gentlemen and the other for the ladies. Exactly why this was done is not mentioned, however, the nineteenth amendment to the Federal Constitution, which dealt with the rights of ladies to vote, had been proposed on 4 June 1919 and was proclaimed on 26 Aug 1920. So, it is speculated, in anticipation of its passage, or possible rejection, the ballots were kept separate. (Amendments giving women the right to vote were introduced in Congress one after another for more than 40 years before this one was finally passed.)

1920 June 17- Part of Milford Township petitions to go to Roland. The paper mentions the west portion of Warren and the (?"southern"?) portion of Milford Twps had petitioned to go to Roland Community School. Apparently all three of the respective school boards would have had to approve this action and there's no further mention of this activity in any of the subsequent papers. At the time, both Warren and Milford Townships were taking steps to form their own consolidated schools.

1920 June 29- A Milford Township man, W.A. Randau, who owned land adjacent to subdistrict No.4 school, filed an order with the District Court asking that the township board be restrained from moving subdistrict

The only picture obtained of a wooden one-room School in Milford Twp on its original site. This is School number one located in the very NE of Sec 11 in the spring of 1919. The teacher, unshown, is Grace Olson. The photo is from Ray Danielson '27 and so he is probably one of the young boys, perhaps in the front, second from left.

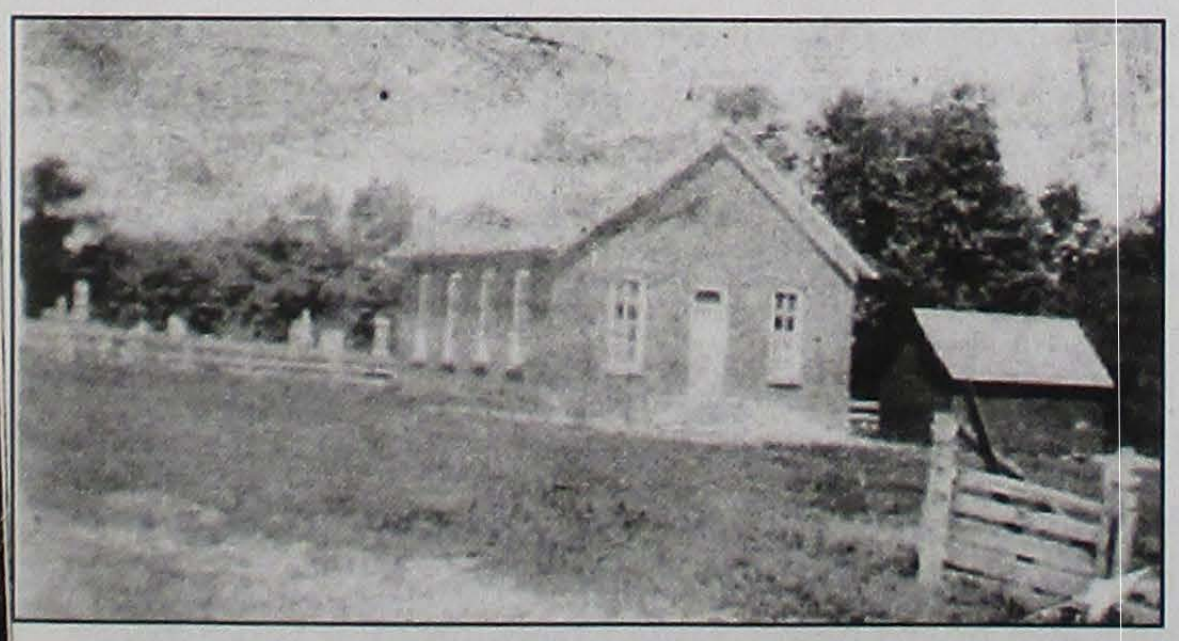
No.4's buildings (and it was buildings, not building, in the newspaper; this included the privies and the coal shed) to the center site. This is the original Milford School that was located in the southeast corner of Sec 18. He maintained that his property rights were being overlooked in that the law provided that the schools, if no longer being used for educational purposes, would be appraised and sold to the owner of the land upon which they sat. He charged that the school was going to be used as a cottage for the teachers at the Sec 15 site and this was not an educational purpose.

Perhaps he was correct in that one of the one-room schools was to be converted into a "teacherage" in the summer of 1924, however, it seems as though the cottage became the residence of the janitor for years rather than a place for the teachers to live. Another school, Tarman, No.7, was also involved in a similar law case; but this situation did not generate the news items that the Randau case did. We don't know if Mr Randau was against the consolidation or, as he stated in his lawsuit, simply looking out for his property rights as he saw the law written. He probably felt as though this building would have been one of the most valuable as it should have been in quite good shape since it was built anew in the summer of 1903. (as was No. 5) It would have been just 17 years old.

This stalemate was the origin of the "schools being moved at night" scenario as some of the pro-consolidation men went to the location late at night to move the school. Someone called the Sheriff who sent a deputy to the location. The deputy spent the night there to make sure the building didn't somehow "disappear" into the night. That night the school got no further than the edge of the field.

Some folks question the entire legend of the moving of the schools to the center site in the night "to avoid conflict with the folks that were against the consolidation". They point out that this work had already been hired out to a contractor who, even if he did move the schools at night, may have done so to avoid much of the traffic and to take advantage of the lessor winds that generally exist at night. Also, it would have been literally impossible to move a building in any degree of secrecy with all the lights it would have taken to have even the slightest degree of safety. Every farm probably had a dog or two and these barking dogs would have awaken everyone in the neighborhood. There would have been telephone wires and in some places electric wires to contend with and, it would seem, this would have been more than a group of nonprofessionals would have felt capable of doing in the dark. (We know that, at the time, Dayton Park received their electricity from Nevada.) There seems to be no question about the attempt to move No. 4; but, it was moved no more than about a hundred feet.

This fantastic photo, seen elsewhere in the book, illustrates Pleasant Grove School on a pleasant summer day about WWI. Also page 57.



1920 Aug 5- Court rules that school board of directors can move schools.

1920 Late summer- Four one room schools and the privies moved to the Center School location and Abel Holveig (sp) received $975 to move the schools. Board voted to build a four team horsebarn.

This photo was taken in the very late forties or early fifties, at the best time of day, "going home" time.

1920 Late Aug- Milford Township Consolidated Schools open as a unit at the Sec 15 site. Mrs Fred Smith is the principal. It's interesting to note that the one-room school that stood singularly at the Sec 15 site was referred to, before the election of consolidation, as the Smith School. Speculation might be that Fred Smith was the director of said school and perhaps his wife was the teacher there. This Smith family was one of the local leaders in the consolidation effort. Mrs Fred Smith stayed on as director, principal or superintendent, of the consolidated schools until 1924 when the new school year started. She was formally offered the position of superintendent but declined it. Mr Gill was then recruited and hired.

1921 June- Another one-room school was moved to Sec 15 site for the tenth grade which was to start in the fall. School Number. 2 was the one selected and thus it was, that now there were six one-room schools located in a cluster in the southwest corner of Sec 15.

1921 August- People of school age in Milford Twp 202- (In 1922 there were 209). In the classification of rural schools the amount permissible to assess is not to exceed $80 for each person of school age.

1921 Aug 8- Milford Township's school consolidation may be dissolved when almost 70% of possible voters signed a petition to have the matter decided by a polling of the voters. This was a very powerful statement as 197 of the 290 possible voters signed this petition. In 1919, when the original petition was filed for the consolidation, there were just 81 signatures on it. Also, this is more voters than voted on the issuance of bonds in April of 1920.

This petition was filed after a year of operation of the consolidation of the five schools. Perhaps many of the Milford people were discouraged by the long, tedious trips for the youngsters in the horse drawn busses over muddy roads and frozen ruts in the coldest of weather. There were, at this time, at best, only two and a half miles of graveled road within Milford Twp. Also, undoubtedly, there was persuasion from the adjoining areas, including North Grant, to draw the students, and tax dollars, to these adjacent school districts.

This petition developed a complicated situation as the County Supt of Schools, Maude Wakefield (a native and former teacher in Milford Township), after conducting hearings for almost a week, and acting largely upon the grounds of the majority of the voters who had signed the petition for the dissolution, ruled that the matter would be placed before the voters. Opposition to the petition filed an appeal within the ten day limit set by Miss Wakefield and thus the matter was taken before the Story County Board of Education instead of before the voters. Why it was done in that way is not explained. Normally a petition to have a vote was just that and the place to object would have been at the polls. No explanation is given as to why the petitioners accepted this arrangement. This appears to

be a stacked deck against the petition of dissolution. And that it was.

1921 August 29- Milford Township Consolidated Schools open for the Second year's operation. For the preceding year, 1920-'21, the average attendance was 105 students with 147 enrolled.

1921 Sept 22- Action on petition of 18 Aug 1921 goes to the County Board of Education. This board, made up of Co. Supt Maude Wakefield, Supt. Bodwell of Ames, Supt. Kirk of Collins, Dr. F.W. Cowgill of Nevada, Mrs E.R. Grove of Roland and Mrs Edward Charlson of Story City, heard three or four days of testimony by two lawyers from each side of the matter. The petitioners had accepted that the decision of the Board would be final unless it could be contested in court.

1921 Oct 6- Story County School Board rules (reportedly by a unanimous vote) that there would be no vote and so the consolidation will stand. Their decision primarily dealt with the matter of whether there would be a vote and this left the only recourse open to the petitioners was to take the matter to the district court. They opted not to do this.

1922 Mid Feb- The three unmoved schools- No.s three, six, and nine, were sold at auction. The buildings and outbuildings had been professionally appraised and offered to the adjacent land owners but not one elected to buy them at the appraised price and each buyer was able to buy the buildings at under the appraised amount. No. 3, Pleasant Grove brick school on Balus Howland land, appraised value$150, out buildings $15- sold for $70 to Lew Omundson, not an adjacent landowner--- No. 6, on the Rierson Estate, AP $200 and $10, sold to L. C. Rierson for $105 --- No. 9, on Frank Warren land, AP $200 and $15, sold to Frank Warren for J.R. Warren $155. The appraisors, appointed by Maude Wakefield were, Parley Sheldon (tuitioned out of Milford rural school in 1912 to Ames), F. H. Munn, and H. W. Stafford, all of Ames. (Sheldon and Munn, both big names in Ames) The one acre school land reverted to the current owner. However, in 1928, the school acre for No. 8 was officially sold to Rasmusson for "one dollar". What exactly the situation was not explained.

1922 June- Enrollment was 150 in six schools and 10 Grades with 8 hacks for transportation. As a comparison, in 1873 Milford Twp had 8 schools with 212 students and an average of 92 in attendance.

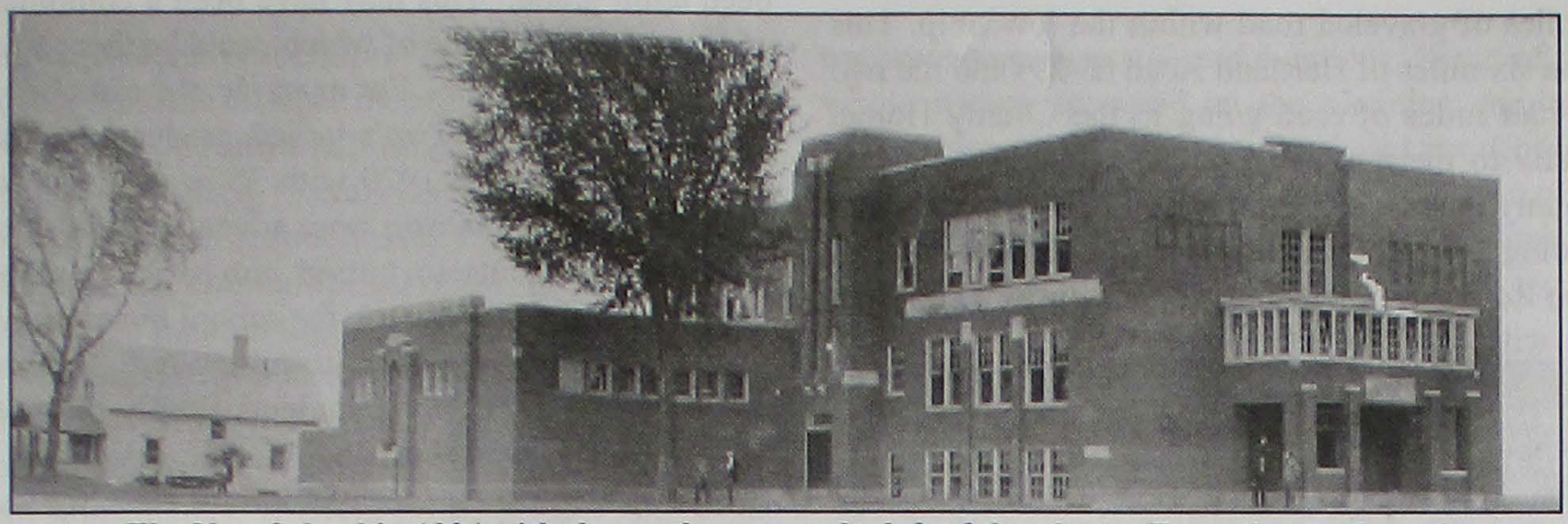
1922 July 15- D. O. Christy and wife sell to the Consolidated Independent School District of Milford the very southwest corner of Sec 15. It measured 466.69 feet square. Why the unusual No.? This measures an exact square of five acres- with about 4.2 acres of non-road land. The dollar amount was reported as $1500 in one source and $1600 in another. The previous two years the land had been leased from Christy for $100 a year. Perhaps the school board had paid the $100 for the upcoming year so that amount was simply subtracted from the amount due. Christy had made the offer to sell this land to the school board for the sum of $400 an acre- four acres plus the roads for the surveyed five acres.

1922 - District was bonded for $70,000 for building the school. It was in 1951 that the mortage on the school building was paid off and, in a ceremony, the mortage was burned. Milford Twp's period of being debt free was short lived in that in 1956 the voters borrowed money and a new gym was constructed and first used on 6 December 1956. The first game was played against McCallsburg on the 7 Dec 1956. The girls lost by decisive margin and the boys won very decisively.

1922 May 24- By the close of 1921-'22 school year, the paper speaks as "by-gones will be by-gones" as most every patron of the school was present and enjoyed a day of feasting and programs. "A splendid spirit was in evidence during the entire day, all seeming bent on forgetting the incidents of trouble of the last year" C.F. Curtiss, who was the Dean of Agriculture at Iowa State, was the main speaker. He grew up just a half mile to the west of the Center School site and reminisced of the days of his attending school and compared that with the advantages the children of 1922 had over those of his youth. See page 215 Curtiss.

1923 June- A school capable of accommodating 225 students is contracted for $70,000. A philosophy of the time, so the story goes, was to have this type of building built with a flat roof so that, should the need arise, an additional floor could be added with much less expense.

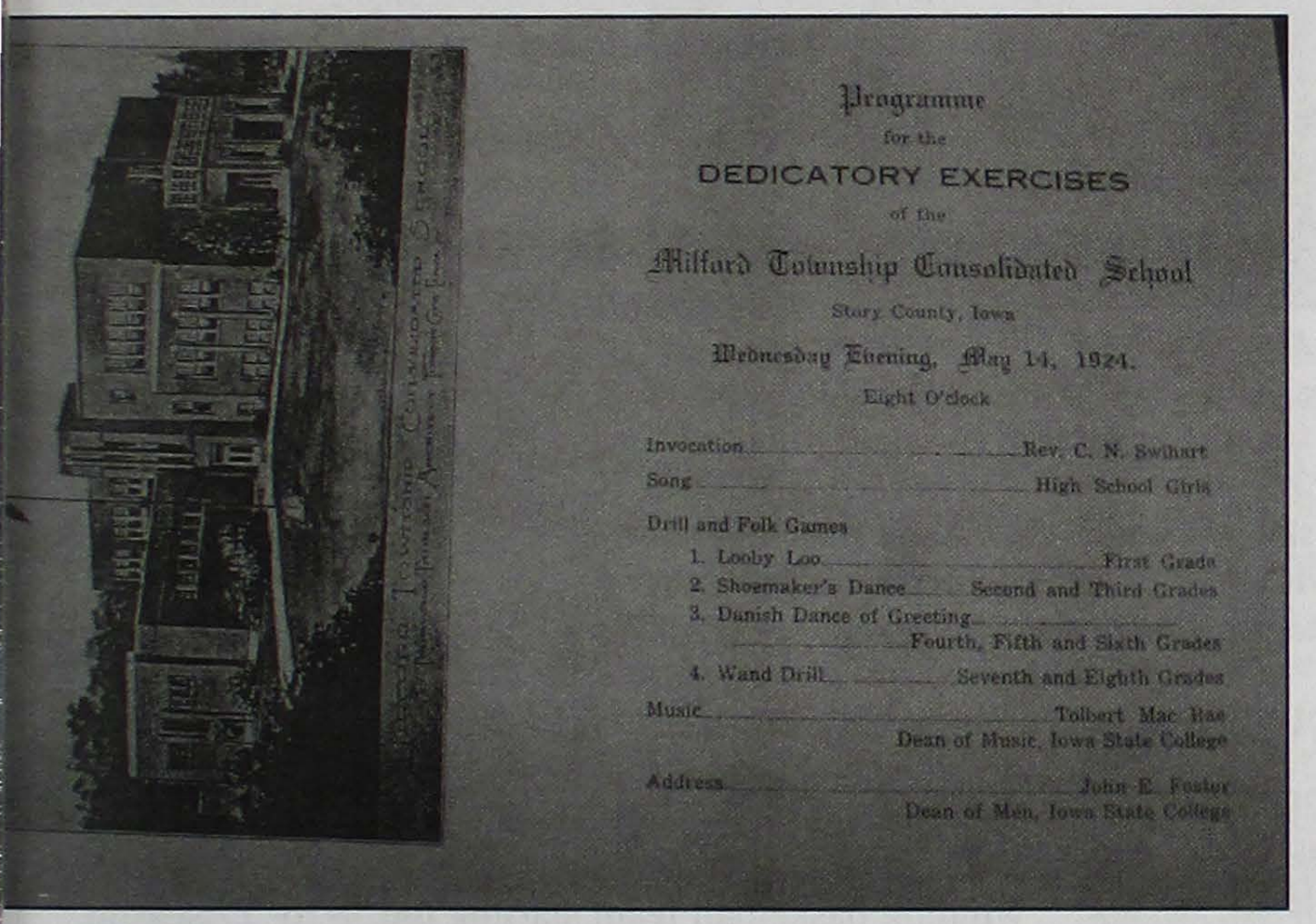
1923 Summer- Cornerstone put in place with a ceremony. The Iowa Grand Lodge of Masons, assisted by the Nevada Lodge, was in charge. Co. Supt. Kellogg and Milford Twp's own C. F. Curtiss, the Dean of the



The New School in 1924 with the teacherage at the left of the photo. (From the southwest)

Agriculture College at Ames, were the main speakers. In a rather unusual placement, the stone was about six feet off the ground and at the very southwest corner of the School. This cornerstone casket was removed and opened in the summer of 1991.

1924 March- The new building is occupied by the students.



Programme
for the
DEDICATORY EXERCISES
of the
Milford Township Consolidated School
Story County, Iowa
Wednesday Evening, May 14, 1924.
Eight O'clock

Invocation ..... Rev. C. N. Swihart
Song ..... High School Girls
Drill and Folk Games
1. Looby Loo ..... First Grade
2. Shoemaker's Dance ..... Second and Third Grades
3. Danish Dance of Greeting ..... Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades
4. Wand Drill ..... Seventh and Eighth Grades
Music ..... Tolbert Mac Rae
Dean of Music, Iowa State College
Address ..... John E. Foster
Dean of Men, Iowa State College

The Dedication program for the new Milford Twp Cons School.

1924 March 28- Three of the one room school buildings sold at auction. For the researcher, this ad, in itself, is a little confusing as there is no mention of where these buildings are located. However, the three schools that had not been moved, three, six, and nine, had been already sold.

1924 May 14- Milford School dedicated. Although the school had been used by the students since the middle part of March, the dedication ceremony was postponed until the weather improved. The main speaker was Prof. Foster, Dean of Men of Iowa State College.

1924 May 19- The last two, now unused, school buildings sold at auction. This ad mentions that these two schools in this auction are located at the Center School site. No follow-up article could be found to indicate who bought these five buildings and the price.

1924 Sept- The eleventh grade added and Lester Gill is hired as Supt He remained only one year. Mrs Smith, in the early summer of 1924, had been offered the Supt job but she declined the position with the result that all the action on teachers' contracts were halted until a new Supt could be hired. She apparently went to the Chicago area and taught there for at least two years. All evidence is that she was very highly thought of by the populous of Milford Twp. She had been a teacher in the Milford Twp School District since about 1895.

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1924 Dec 5- First mention (first found) of competitive basketball involving the new Milford Consolidated School is in the paper. The game was at Colo. No record of the outcome. (The Milford Township girls had played in a basketball tournament in 1919. How this was organized was not mentioned- just that they were to participate- no results could be found)

1925 Summer- The east-west road past Milford Twp was graveled (apparently for the first time) with 1000 yards per mile. By 1926 Milford Twp had eight and a

half miles of graveled road within the township. This was the six miles of Hartland Road (E-29) and the two and a half miles of road going to the County Home. (Actually to the northwest corner of Sec 35 west of the county home) Also, the six miles on the east side (adjoining Richland) was done as was the three miles of Dayton Rd south of Dayton Park. That was a common border with Franklin Township.

In the fall of 1924, the student body and the faculty of Milford Township Consolidated School gathered on the front steps for a historical picture for the start of the first full year in the new facility. Note the girl in front of the right pillar with the white shirt. That's Margaret Hereim ('30) and the fellow to her left is Willard Gilreath ('29). They were later to wed and she was the teacher many remember as Mrs Gilreath. It is thought the youngster with the glasses right in the center of the picture is Amil Twedt. This is only the center portion of a long portrait. See p 84.

1925 Fall-A.E. Mickelson heads Milford Consolidated Twp School. He had been at Roland as principal and came to Milford where he also served as coach and coached the Milford Boys basketball team to the County championship in the spring of 1926. No seniors were on this team.

1927 Spring- First graduating class from Milford Twp Consolidated School. Why it took seven school years to have students go through the four years of high school is not explained and so it leads to speculation why the matter was handled this way. The consolidated schools opened in fall 1920 (Presumedly with a ninth grade) and tenth grade was added in 1921-'22. So, for the three school years of 1921-'22, 1922-'23, and 1923-'24, the highest grade at MTCSs would have been tenth grade. This may have been a combination of several factors. One of which could be there simply wasn't adequate room. For example, the class of 1932 (which was Milford Twp's largest graduating class at 17) started school in 1920 with 35 or so students. 2) Perhaps the students who were advancing had already made commitments to tuition out to other schools. Perhaps, on the other hand, the school board required them to tuition out. 3) Perhaps the students simply did not go to school for the year(s) that had no appropriate class for them. Then, in the summer of 1924, when the new brick school had been completed, the eleventh grade was added. With this new structure, it could be suposed that the first graduation class would have been 1926; but such was not the case.

When classes ended in the spring of 1925, only five students had been working toward the goal of being in the class of 1926. Of these, one did not have enough credits to be classified as a senior, one student dropped out, and a third, Roy Pond, was twenty years of age. So, at best, there would have only been two or three students. One of these elected to stay and complete their education in 1927 and so, rather than have such a small number of people graduate in 1926, the decision was made to postpone the first graduation until the next year. When there was mention of Milford's 1926 winning basketball team starting the 1926-'27 season, the paper states that no players were lost by graduation last year so apparently no one had tuitioned out. Phil Allen, who would have graduated in 1922 from Milford High School, had it existed, tuitioned into Nevada and graduated from there in 1922.

1931 Summer- In the middle of Aug the Moses and Clark families, who lived in the south portion of our township, went before a joint school board (Milford and North Grant) meeting at the court house and requested that their children be permitted to attend

the much closer North Grant. The dispute seemed to revolve around the distance the children had to travel to get to school- one and a half miles to North Grant and five miles to Milford. (Recall that this was in the days of the horse drawn school busses.) The school boards ruled against the two families. Following this event the families put a petition together and a very limited area vote was taken with the result that south halfs of Secs 31 and 32 of Milford Twp were taken into the North Grant School District with the children attending that school immediately. It could not be found when this division was returned to the former boundaries.

Milford's Twp Cons School Closing 1961

The following summation is quite difficult to put together without some very blatant editorializing, but I guess that's what makes a horse race- a difference of opinions. Never the less, it is very easy to develop an attitude that the professional educators, politicians, and money interest have an attitude that the children of a community are a commodity, like grain and livestock, to be exported or dealt with in a manner to meet the goals of their own interests.

There were at least four plans put forth for the demise of Milford Twp Consolidated School as its own entity and to be absorbed by other districts.

One involved a large area that would have put Milford Township in the very southeast corner of a school district that would have extended to Little Wall Lake in southern Hamilton County on the north and east to west from our east boundary almost to Highway 17. This would be almost of an area 16 1/2 miles by 16 1/2 miles. This proposal never seemed to gather much steam in the reorganization steamroller although there were some well known Milford Township names associated with the organization of the proposal.

A second proposal was to regroup some of the north Story County schools into a unit to be called Northeast Story County School District. It would have included Milford, Roland, most of Howard Twp, Fernald with Richland Twp, McCallsburg, Sherman No. 3, and Zearing. Again, this would have been quite a large area school of just under 200 square miles. Here also, there were some well known Milford Twp names associated with this plan. There would have 750-800 students in this area. This plan seemed to run into some difficulty because of the large debts of a couple of the schools involved and taxpayers from other districts did not want to assume these obligations. Some of those, whose names appeared on the planning committees of the various plans, it is assumed, did not necessarily mean that was the plan they favored. Because of their position on the school board or other positions, they were assigned, or perhaps volunteered, to serve on various reorganization planning boards.

A third plan, referred to as the North Story County plan and proposed in Sept of 1958, was much the same as the preceding one, except it involved Gilbert, Story City, Roland, Milford, McCallsburg, Zearing, Sherman No. Three, Fernald, and Richland. This plan called for the construction of a new High School two miles east and two miles south of Roland.

A fourth plan, the one that most closely matches that which was finally adopted, included the smallest (138.75 square miles) of the four in terms of land. This plan was referred to as the Central Story County School District. Basically, it would have included Milford, Richland Independent, Fernald Consolidated, Nevada Community, Nevada Township, and Shipley Consolidated. Some of the Milford people who were on the planning phase were George Roberts, Mrs Morris Danielson, Kermit Sorensen, Edward Larson, Richard Sorensen, LaVern Brooks, Robert Cooper and M. C. Smith, Jr. During the planning stage there were 1467 students enrolled in the proposed district. This plan was presented to the public on 17 Sept 1958 from work already done by the study committee. The six districts involved were, at the time, subject to similar plans that needed to be disposed of before the Central Plan could ever appear on the ballot. It would be almost three years before this happened.

This fourth plan was basically a renewal, with a moderate revision, of a plan that had first been proposed in the summer of 1919. The 1919 plan involved the Milford, Richland and Nevada school districts. The rhetoric was the same as used in all the latter proposals. The proponents admitted that transportation was the biggest obstacle but stated that with the new "trucks" for transportation no student would have to be on the motor trucks for more than 45 minutes. The petitions for a vote on this proposal had apparently been signed and presented in all but the Nevada District and, if it would have gone as the Nevada Paper had presented the story, the new school district would have begun service for the start of the spring term of 1920. The vote was held on 2 Dec 1919 and was passed in Nevada but defeated in the rural districts. This lead to the vote,

about seven weeks later, that consolidated the Milford District into their own consolidated township school.

When State officials, in the early sixties, lead the voters of Milford Twp to believe there would be no further financial aid, Milford voters said that was no problem. The first election on this reorganization was on 25 April 1961 and the outcome was that it overwhelmingly approved in Nevada but was defeated in Milford Twp 87-78. The Milford School Board, on 27 April 1961, voted unanimously to operate a high school for the school year of 1961-1962.

Following the 25 April 1961 election, the Milford Twp School Board was to take additional two or three notable actions. One was to vote to operate the high school for the school year of 1961-'62 without any State aid; another was that they refused to endorse a plan in which the high school students would have been tuitioned out to other school districts. A third action involved a formal request to the State for a review the lack of state aid and in this they were successful with financial aid being offered for non high school students. Had they elected to tuition out the students, this, reportedly, would have created a situation in which the neighboring districts could have "chopped up" Milford Township into pieces for their own districts.

However, when the State sent notification that Milford Twp School would lose its accreditation, the Milford School Board, on 12 June 1961, just six weeks after their statement that there would be a 1961-'62 high school year, yielded to the power and voted unanimously to endorse the consolidation with Nevada. A second election, held on 22 June 1961 resulted in an approval vote of 146-46 in Milford Twp. A third vote was held on 30 June 1961 for the election of a new school board that would take office on 1 July 1961. Speculation in the Nevada Paper was that this had been the fastest consolidation in the history of the State; and perhaps it was.

"Almost all jurisdictions that forced consolidation failed to document the improvements that they purported would result from building or district closings. One may well assume that political power and ideological motives, not pedagogical motives, accounted for rural school consolidation in the United States". (DeYoung, A.J. & Howley, 1992)

As a point of interest:

Shipley, built in 1916, last graduating class was 1959, closed in 1967, sold in 1970.

Fernald's last graduation class was 1960, closed in 1962, sold in 1968.

Milford, built in 1923-'24, last graduating class in 1961, then used as a Nevada attendance center until closed in 1991, sold in 1991. See pg 95.

Below: In June of 1951, in this symbolic photo, the original $90,000 mortgage is burned by Virgil Brooks, Pres of the Milford School Board. A portion of the original School Board (Oscar Twedt, Dave Christy, and Jacob Twedt) is on the left and 5 of the current School Board (George Roberts, Ralph Brodie, Magnus Simonsen, Virgil Brooks, and Roy Borton) bear silent witness to the event held on a Sunday afternoon at the School gym.

Below: 1961; Milford's last School Board, Left to Right: Leon Wilson, Secretary; Don Wakefield; Dick Sorensen; Jeff Rasmusson; Jack Strothers; C. P. Thompson, Supt; John Fitzgerald. More School Board info on pg 166

CHAPTER II

Some Things About Milford Township

Indian Hill from the east. (170th street)

1860 Prairie Fire Family of Six Perish

In the 1850's-60's-70's there was a diagonal road that went from Nevada to the Webster City- Fort Dodge area. This road extended diagonally across Milford Twp in a SE-NW direction. It was along this road that an Ohio family by the name of Schweringen was traveling to their expected new home north of Duncombe, Iowa in October of 1860. (Traces of this road were still visible from the air into the 20's & 30's even though the road was replaced, for the most part, by the familiar square pattern by the 1880's.)

It was a warm pleasant fall day with a gentle southeasterly wind and as they were going to the northwest they considered this a factor in their favor. The family of two adults, a son and three young girls made some purchases of supplies in Nevada and began the last leg of their journey. After a few hours of travel, they noticed a haze behind them but being unfamiliar with the nature and destructiveness of prairie fires they elected to ignore the matter.

Some reports state that the family was "nooning" in the southwest corner of Sec 10 of Milford Twp while others state the family was in the northeast portion of Sec 9. (This, Sec 10, would be across the road east of the Comfort farmstead- of later years- or, if Sec 9, north of the Comfort farmstead. The Comfort farmstead of the 1950's would be one and a quarter miles north of the Sec 15 Milford School on the west side of the road). Others have said the family had passed "Indian Hill" but there seems to be no agreement on which "Indian Hill" this was. I have heard speculation on four different "taller" hills in the area that might have been called "Indian Hill". One is the rise in the very southwest of Sec 10; (this would have been the first hill the road skirted after leaving Nevada); the second is the hill in southeast Sec 4- the Fred McCoy hill- the stagestop hill; the third (the official Indian Hill) is the hill in Sec 4- behind (north of) Cy and Cleopha Thompson's farmstead; and the fourth is in the southeast quarter of Sec 9 with the very noticeable NE-SW ridge and its high hill at the southwest end.

This humble author feels the family was "nooning" in the small glen on the northeast slope of the hill in the southwest corner of Sec 10 as there was a spring there. This site would also conceal the terrain to the southwest and a fire coming from that direction could be within 200 feet before one would have seen it or been aware of it. And, perhaps, with the team partially

This springtime Living History grass prairie shows the size of the grasses after a winter's snows and rains - well over six feet tall in places.

This modern version of a wagon and two horses is probably very similar to the one used by the Schweringens.

unhitched and Dad asleep under the wagon, and Mom perhaps preparing a noon meal, this location would have fit the requirements and circumstances for a fire to "suddenly" have been upon them. The smoke? Dad was getting some much needed rest, Mom was busy caring for the needs of the family, and the children probably wouldn't have recognized it as a danger, or as any more than just another phenomenon of their long journey. With a wind of 15 -20 mph, the fire could easily have been advancing 8-10 mph. In the heavy grasses, a person could not have outrun the fire very long.

This view from the dirt road between Secs 10 & 15, looking NNE, is a few yards west of the diagonal road of 1860 and the clump of trees in the center is perhaps the area where the family was nooning when the fire crested the hill on the left and caught them and they made a dash for safety to the NW. The small trees, right of center, are the ones on top of Stagecoach hill to which the road went.

It was at this time and place the fire "crested a rise" and was upon them. (The wind had picked up- "hurricane force" and was out of the southwest and the fire was rapidly advancing to the northeast.) Fires of this size and nature make a good deal of noise as they advance and this hill would have acted as a partial sound barrier.

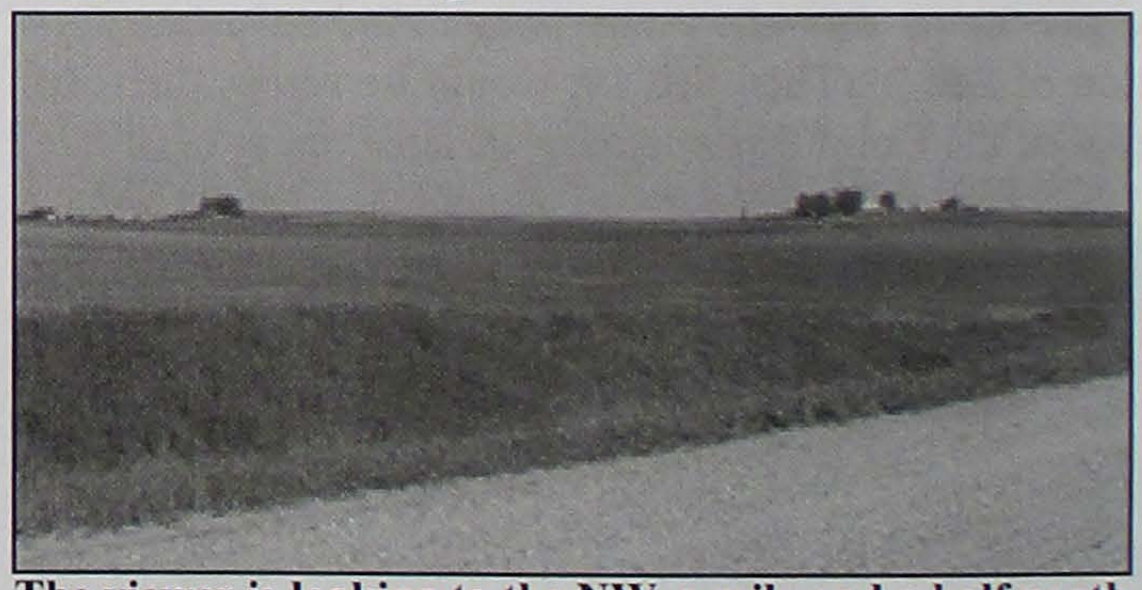
Apparently the family, with Mother driving, made a dash for safety with the team and wagon along the road to the northwest, but even though they had the horses going at a gallop, they were not going away from the fire but, by staying on the road to the northwest, they were, in fact, merely going perpendicular to the flames. Very soon the canopy to the wagon was on fire and chaos and panic set in. When Mr S. attempted to get down from the wagon, he was kicked by a horse and unable, for a time, to assist any of the family and all but he died quickly. (Or so most reports say)

The exact location of the final acts of this saga apparently were in the "east central part of Sec 9 in a slough, where a large boulder lay for many years". This information is provided in the thirties by H.L.Boyes who was raised in the neighborhood and whose father lived there at the time. He states that the old iron from the burned wagon lay over the site for many years.

Question has been made as to the overall extent of this fire- i.e. how did it start and where and how far did it go? What finally stopped it, etc? And how many acres did it consume? One source mentioned this fire burned their farmstead east of Story City but how much further it raced is unanswered. I can find only one reference to where the fire originated. Mr Harrison of Palestine Twp, six miles or so south of Ames was arrested for the deliberate starting of the fire that killed the family of six. Ironically, Mr Harrison had a family of four children very near the same ages as those in the Schweringen family. Both gentlemen had families of three girls and a boy and one of the daughters in each family was named Sarah.

The paper states that Mr Harrison was taken into a type of protective custody and to appear in the next convening of the district court but no record of the results of this court proceedings could be found. Mr Harrison had two "hired men" living at his home so it is easy to imagine that they may have been cutting firewood down by the South Skunk River and were burning brush and scrub timber and when the wind came up, the fire got away from them. The geography of where they might have been working suggests that the fire could have jumped the river.

At that time the Milford Twp area was covered with a variety of natural prairie grasses- some which were generally as tall as a horse' back and others taller. I've heard stories that at this time if one ventured on to the plains he did not get off his horse unless absolutely



The viewer is looking to the NW, a mile and a half north of the School, between Secs 9 & 10 standing right on the 1860 diagonal road. Indian Hill is at the trees on the left and the buildings on the right are at the top of Stagecoach Hill. It is, most likely, a few rods right in front of the viewer where the wagon was completely engulfed and Mr S. started his journey on foot to the Hoovers.

necessary for fear of snakes and often the grasses were so tall that one could become disorientated- particularly if the sky were overcast. Anyhow, it takes little imagination to visualize how a fire would rage in this setting- with spheres of flame reaching 30-35 feet high- particularly if there had been a killing frost and the grasses were dry.

The young children and the wife were quickly overcome and killed while Mr Schweringen, although severely burned, survived and somehow stumbled and crawled to the Hoover farm which was somewhat over a mile away. No one seems to know where the Hoover farm actually was- some thought is that it was on top of the hill in Sec 4 where Fred McCoy lives currently. Others say they doubt this selection. In 1883 there was a farmstead on J.E. Hoover property and this farmstead sat on the south side of Dry Creek in the NW/NE of Sec 4. This would be another strong half mile north of the Fred McCoy place, or a little over a mile from the site of the deaths of the rest of the family. One has to assume that the Hoover farm would have been surrounded by the same fire but Mr Hoover, being more familiar with the destruction of prairie fires, probably had a fire break plowed around his building site.

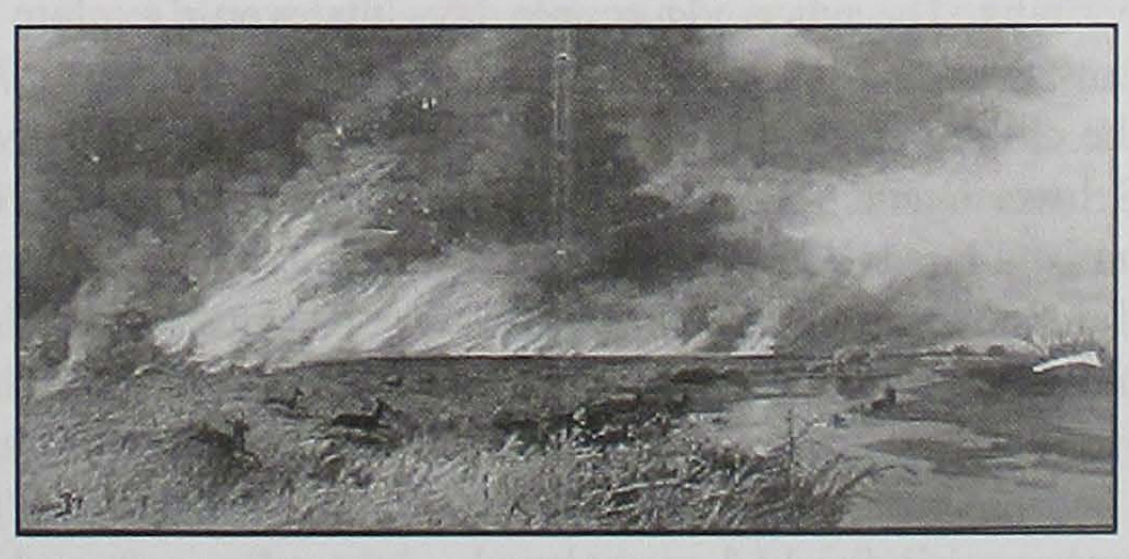
These fire breaks were made by plowing three or four furrows around the area to be protected: then four or so rods further out (65-70 feet) plow three or four more furrows circling the area to be protected. Then the area between these two circles was control burned when the conditions were right and one would have an area that the flames could not jump across, although one had to be aware of the cinders, etc. that would be air borne and start the flames on the protected area.

The following spring, 1861, a farmer came across only the skull of a child in the southwest quarter of Sec 10 and is reported to have buried it where it was found and this exact site has been lost. Why this burial was conducted like this can only be pondered at this late date. Two theories have been advanced to explain why the skull of this child would have been found away from the other bodies of her family. Theory one is that it must have been the next morning before the neighbors could get to the site of the tragedy and speculation is that coyotes, during the night, had consumed all the body except the skull after having drug the small body away from the site of death. Another opinion is that one of the girls was able to run away from the fire but was soon overcome because of the fatigue of running through the tall prairie grasses and fire consumed a large portion of her small body. A third conjecture would be to combine these two perceptions when the little girl ran away for some distance, was overpowered by the smoke, heat and flame and died; then later, be it that evening or some few days later, some animal, be it coyotes or dogs, consumed the body and left only the skull.

Also there are two different reports regarding the lives of the horses. One is that the animals were killed in the fire and are buried where they fell. The other is that the horses had fled and were found a long way away. The "official" reports state that one died in the harness and the other was severely burned, but nearby, and had to be destroyed.

The bodies of Mother Schweringen and three (some reports say two) of the children were taken to the Sheffield cemetery and buried and a few days later Father died and was buried with the nucleus of his family.

Sheffield Cemetery is located in the very northwest corner of Sec 32 of Howard Twp- about four to



four and a half miles north and west of the death scene. In 1860-1861 there was no Pleasant Grove Cemetery; with the church having been founded in 1873, built in 1874 with an expansion in 1877 for a cemetery. Also, some wonder why the Brouhard Cemetery that sat on top of a hill in the north portion of Sec 5 of Milford

Twp near the confluence of Dry creek and Bear Creek wasn't used. At that time, perhaps, the Brouhard family might have considered that cemetery as a private family burial ground and there were other facilities available nearby. As a footnote- other deaths had occurred during this time period of 1850-1875 in northwest Milford Twp and some of these burials had been down the Skunk River a long mile from Milford Mills, on the east side of the river in the very center of Sec 13 of Franklin Township.

This 1938 monument in Sheffield Cemetery memorializes the Schweringen's ordeal of 1860.

One of the more interesting side stories about this incident is that when Mr Schweringen's estate was settled, there appeared a bill from Mr Hoover for board and room for Mr S. and Son!! Bad spelling?, a little bill padding(?), or is this a completely new twist to the "official" story? If this is the case, how did the lad get to the Hoovers. Since Mr S. was blinded by the fire, did the lad supply the vision for the pair as they struggled to find some help? Did Mr S. carry the severely burned lad who would tell his Dad where to go? How did Mr S. find the Hoover farm as it would be over a slight rise and unseeable to a person a mile away to the south. The ruts of the road would be able to be followed even after a fire and if one followed the road to the northwest, after a few hundred yards of travel he might have seen the Hoover farm; but again, if Mr S. were blind, did the Hoovers see him and guide him there? Many speculations can be created.

Apparently, if the family of one adult and three children were buried the following day, the lad must have died very soon after arriving at the Hoovers. Or perhaps, if he survived a couple days, that would explain how there were conflicting reports as to how many of the children were buried at the same time with Mother Schweringen. Mr Schweringen was able to relate his unfortunate tale for several people during his stay with the Hoovers but no one whose narrative has survived has made mention of the Schweringen lad being at the Hoovers.

About a year earlier, almost to the day, a very large prairie fire had swept much of the same area and resulted in the death of a little girl in Lafayette Twp when she was caught in a backfire. This fire burned southwest, west and north of Nevada with strong winds.

Information gleaned from three different sources and paraphrased by Dale Hughes '55.

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Lost in Milford Twp

Attention: Farmers Along the Old Diagonal Road

This little article appeared in the Dec 1863 Nevada Paper might be of interest to those current farmers living along the, now abandoned and plowed up, diagonal road leading to the Webster City area.

LOST-

".....on the road leading to Pleasant Grove, Story County, a 'Morrocco Pocket Book', containing from one hundred and sixty to one hundred and seventy-five dollars in cash, the principal part of which was in "greenbacks" together with other papers which were of no account to any one but the owner, besides two free passes over the G.& C.U. and C.I.& N. and C.R.&M.R. Rail Roads, one signed by E.B. Talcott(etc) ....both bearing the name of the undersigned.

Any one finding said pocket book and returning the same to me or leaving it at the newspaper office, will be liberally rewarded."

GEO. F. SCHOONOVER

Notes: No notice in later papers mentioned this pocketbook ever being returned so, perhaps, it's still along that long unused road in Milford Twp waiting to be discovered.

Geo. F. Schoonover was, for a time, the editor of the Nevada paper and was, later, a Justice of the Peace.

The G.& C.U. R.R. was the "Galena and Chicago Union".

The C.I.& N. R.R. was the "Chicago Iowa and Nebraska R.R."

The C.R. & M.R. was the "Cedar Rapids and Missouri River R.R". Through a series of consolidations these lines were formed into part of the Chicago Northwestern. These rail lines were, at the time, attempting to cross the great plains of Iowa.

Mail moved along this diagonal road once a week in each direction- northbound on Friday and southbound on Saturday

A Little Timeline of Some of the Events in Milford Twp.

1750? The "H" tree was formatted by the Indians.
1850 First white settlers in Milford Twp.
1856 Thomas Hughes family started the Mill.
1856? Formation of Pleasant Grove Congregation.
1858? Start of Pleasant Grove School, School #1.
1858 Formation of Milford Township, Story Co.
1860 Prairie fire that killed a family of 6.
1865 Four Corners Tree planted by Cyrus Spring
1867 Earliest tombstone Pleasant Grove Cemetery. (Brought in from another cemetery)
1869 Story County Poor Farm started.
1871 Railroad vote passes in Milford Twp.
1874 Present Pleasant Grove Church constructed.
1876 Soper's Mill bridge constructed.
1877 Pleasant Grove Cemetery ground purchased.
1880? Start of Christian Church in Sec 18.
1884-85 Brick Pleasant Grove School first used.
1894-95 Severe drought closes Soper's Mill.
1918 New County Home built following a fire at old.
1920 School starts at the 5 schools at Sec 15 site.
1923 Four Corners tree cut down.
1924 New brick School is first used by students.
1926 We win our 1st Co Basketball Championship.
1927 First Graduating Class.
1931 Pipeline crosses Milford Twp South to North.
1948 Powerline crosses Milford Township East to West.
1948 Milford declared Iowa's most rural Twp.
1954 Trailer Park established in SW of Sec 18.
1956 We win our 2cd Co Basketball Championship.
1956 New Gym constructed.
1957 We win our 3rd Co Basketball Championship.
1959 First Hard Surfaced Road entirely in Milford.
1961 Last Graduating Class.
1961 National Animal Disease Lab started.
1968 Interstate 35 opened across Milford Twp.
1977 Worst Drought for Milford Twp.
1986 Milford Twp declared Iowa center.
1988 Wakefield Woods established.
1991 Last use of School for education purposes.
1991 Rural Water established
1991 Milford Township Consolidated School sold.
2004 New Fence at Pleasant Grove
2007 Another record high water mark on upper Skunk River.

Mail Delivery Man Lost in Snowstorm

In the winter of 1863 in a Nevada Paper there is a clip about the Mail Carrier on the Fort Dodge-Nevada route becoming disorientated and lost during a blizzard on the diagonal road in the grasslands between Nevada and the Skunk River Crossings and wandering for "a long time". As a result he had both feet severely frozen before he could find any home or shelter where he could find comfort from the raging storm. Apparently, this must have been in the center of Milford Twp.

1864 Township Elected Officers

I found it quite interesting to notice that in the 1864 paper there was a listing of the Township officials of Milford Twp. Apparently these were all elected positions.

On the county Board of Supervisors from Milford Twp was Milton Evans.
The Twp Clerk was P.E. Bechtell.
The Constables were G.B. Kooser and Andrew Scott.
The Justice of Peace was S.W. Adams.
The Assessor was Fred Reichord.
The Twp Trustees were Geo. Loucks, John Rich and Samuel Rich.

When the office of the Township "Justice of the Peace" and that of Township "Constable" were eliminated in Milford Twp has not been discovered.

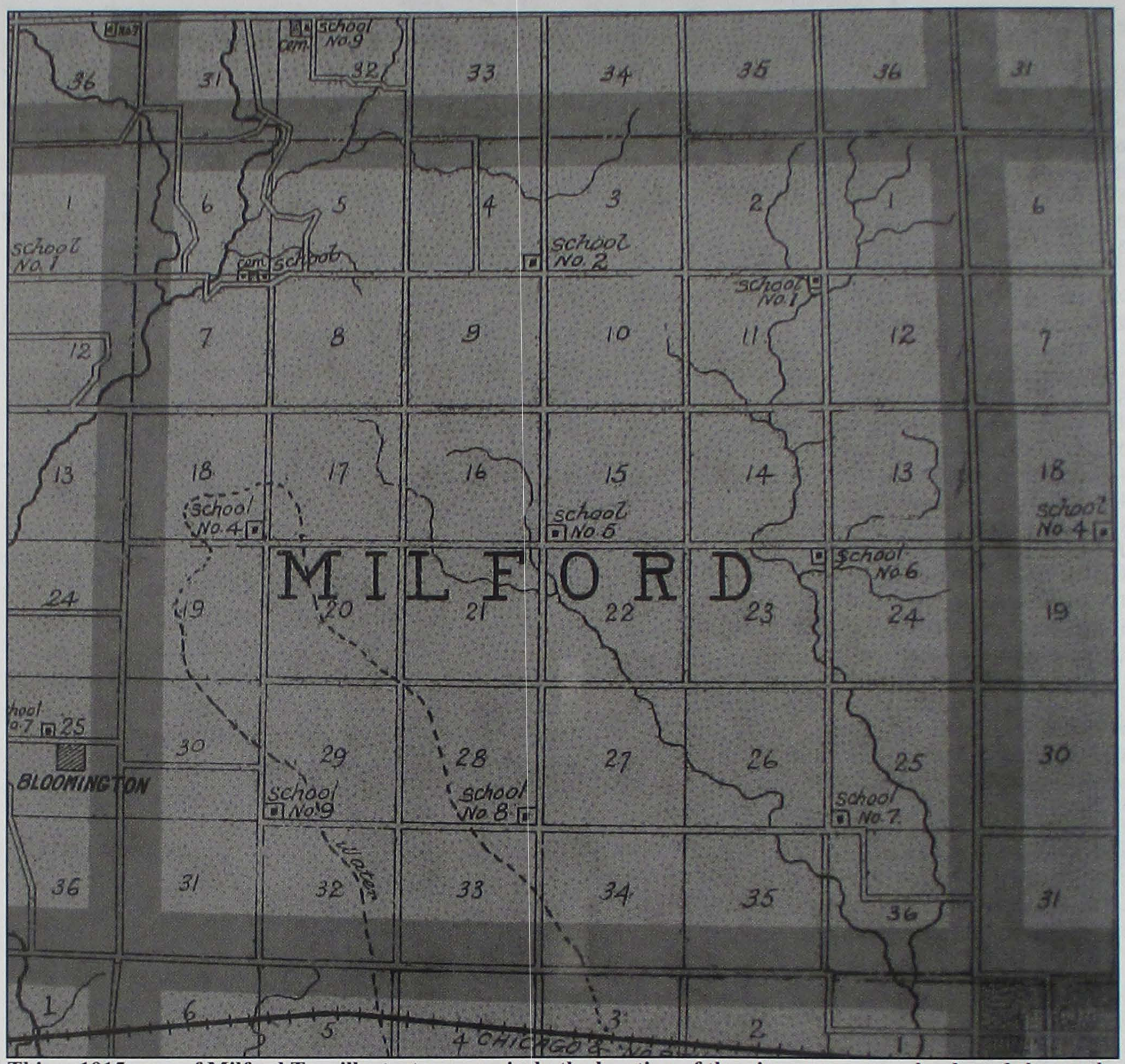
1871 Vote On a Railroad

In the fall of 1871 Milford Township had the opportunity of voting a 5% tax to support the construction of a railroad that supposedly was to connect Monroe, Iowa, with the Northern Pacific Railroad in Minnesota. Ideally, this road would have come through Milford Township and Milford Township was to be the last township to vote on this issue. The Nevada Paper reports:

"According to contract with the building company, there has to be a five percent tax in aid of the road from every township through which it passes. Therefore it takes but little cyphering to show how important it is for an unbroken line of townships to put their shoulders to the wheel. Milford now is the key township of the line"

Or so read the Nevada paper in the fall of 1871. With all of the "hype" in the Nevada Paper, when this vote occurred in late December, the measure passed. Perhaps the road was, for some unexplained reason, moved west to become the railroad, north and south, through Gilbert: or perhaps different railroad barons that were in favor of the route through Gilbert got their act together faster and when that construction began, there was no economic value in having another railroad just a few miles to the east that would miss the population and freight from a place like Ames. (Update on "Vote"- page 311)

Ol Milford Farmer notice: Clear conscience is sign of bad memory.



This c. 1915 map of Milford Twp illustrates very nicely the location of the nine one-room schools and the creek drainage. The hashered lines in the southwest quarter of the township outline a drainage district.

1877 - Farm for Sale

FOR SALE: *"An improved farm of 180 acres, surrounded by timber, well adapted for stock raising, about 20 acres timber with the farm, located 6 miles from C.N.W.R.R., and within 40 rod of Soper's Grist Mill in Milford twp,- will sell at reasonable price and easy terms. Q.K.HILL "*

This interesting sale notice appeared in the 1877 Nevada Paper. One of the things that is distinctive is the name of the Mill in northwest Milford Twp Here it is called "Soper's Grist Mill" while in an ad at the same time for services offered by the grist mill, it is referred to as "Milford Mills".

Two Creameries in Milford Twp

In 1895, Story County had fourteen creameries, thirteen of them in active operation. Milford Twp had two, one of which was the newest in the county. This was the creamery that was located one mile west of the current Milford Twp school building in the northwest corner of Sec 21. It was located about 75 yards east from the intersection of the roads on the south side of the road. (Now E-29 and 580th) It was built in the summer of 1894 and placed in production in Nov of that year. The name of it was the Farmers' Creamery Co. and sometimes called the Milford Farmers' Creamery. It was not the largest, but *"there are few creameries in the state that have a better building or that are arranged more conveniently.*

The main building is 24 by 30, two stories high with ice house attached, 16x16. Nothing in the construction was slighted in the least, it stands on a solid stone foundation and is sheeted with matched flooring inside and out then papered on the outside, then weatherboarded outside of this, making three thicknesses of boards besides the sheeting paper, and it has the best quality of sheet iron roofing as well as drive ways, outbuildings etc and a well that furnishes a never failing supply of water."

We know that this creamery was still in operation in 1908 at which time there was also a store there. The store was to the immediate west of the creamery but both businesses were on the southeast corner of the intersection. No information has been found as to when these two businesses went out of operation and whether they were operated by the same people.

Indian Hill, in the SE of the SW of Sec 4, is north of Cy & Cleopa Thompson's farmstead. The camera is pointed to the west-northwest. This is where there was a creamery at one time up until about 1896 and a gravel pit where, reportedly, the gravel was hauled to start graveling the road north from Nevada in about 1919. It is not the highest point in Milford Twp. That point is in the center of Sec 3 and it is higher by just a few feet.

The "Buttermaker", whether he was at either creamery, was, apparently, held in high esteem by the community as mention is occasionally made in the paper concerning his social activities and comment is generally made as to identify him and his fine product. He, also, had generally received a degree from Iowa State. These creameries pumped money into the economy of the community as mention is made of how meaningful the checks were to the folks receiving the money "in these tough economic times".

The other creamery was on and in the hill behind Cy and Cleopha Thompson's (1950's) farmstead in the SW quarter of Sec 4. This was the well-known "Indian Hills Creamery". This creamery was moved to McCallsburg in the fall of 1899 when Mr Bates, the owner, moved the equipment to that community. The assumption is made that the business closed at that time as no mention is made of someone else taking over the business and putting other equipment in place. Here, also, no information can be found to indicate when this business was started. It may well have been started after 1883 as it is not mentioned on a fine map of the date.

A little more information on page 256.

1896; Bicycles in Milford Twp Let's Go to Indiana

Adapted from the Nevada Paper of the summer of 1896:

"Ward Hamilton and wife left Pleasant Grove on Monday last at one o'clock for Indiana. They intend to make the entire distance of over four hundred miles on bicycles. It will be a pleasant trip."

What can you say? This is an adventure personified! Recall that there were no paved roads, very little road markings, and even very few miles of gravel roads. Since it was early July, they would miss the worst of the rainy season with its accompanying mud. So if the weather cooperated, it may well have been a "pleasant trip". Recall that also, the year of 1895 was one of the driest on record in Iowa, so perhaps Ward and his wife were relying on weather like the proceeding year.

No record could be found indicating anything about the trip, so it's not known if they even got to Colo, or to the Mississippi River or to Indiana-- perhaps they even caught a train.

1904 Telephone

In the spring of 1904, in a short column in the Nevada Paper about the Milford Twp community, there was mention of a telephone call with the sad news, from Boone, of the death of one of the Arrasmith babies and then mentioned that the "little one was laid to rest at the church" (Pleasant Grove Church). (The article made it sound as though the cause of death was SIDs as the child of 6 months was found dead in its bed at 3 o'clock in the morning.)

1909 Telephone Service

In the Roland Paper of 22 April 1909 there appeared this short announcement concerning the Milford Twp area;:*"Quite a few telephones were put out of commission by the thunderstorm of last week."*

No further information was given as to the extent of telephone coverage but could one assume the lines were in northern Milford Twp as the announcement was in the Roland Paper?

The telephone was invented in 1875 with voice transmissions in 1876, patented in 1876 and by 1883 there was a licensed operation in Story County with the title "Ames and Nevada Telephone Company".

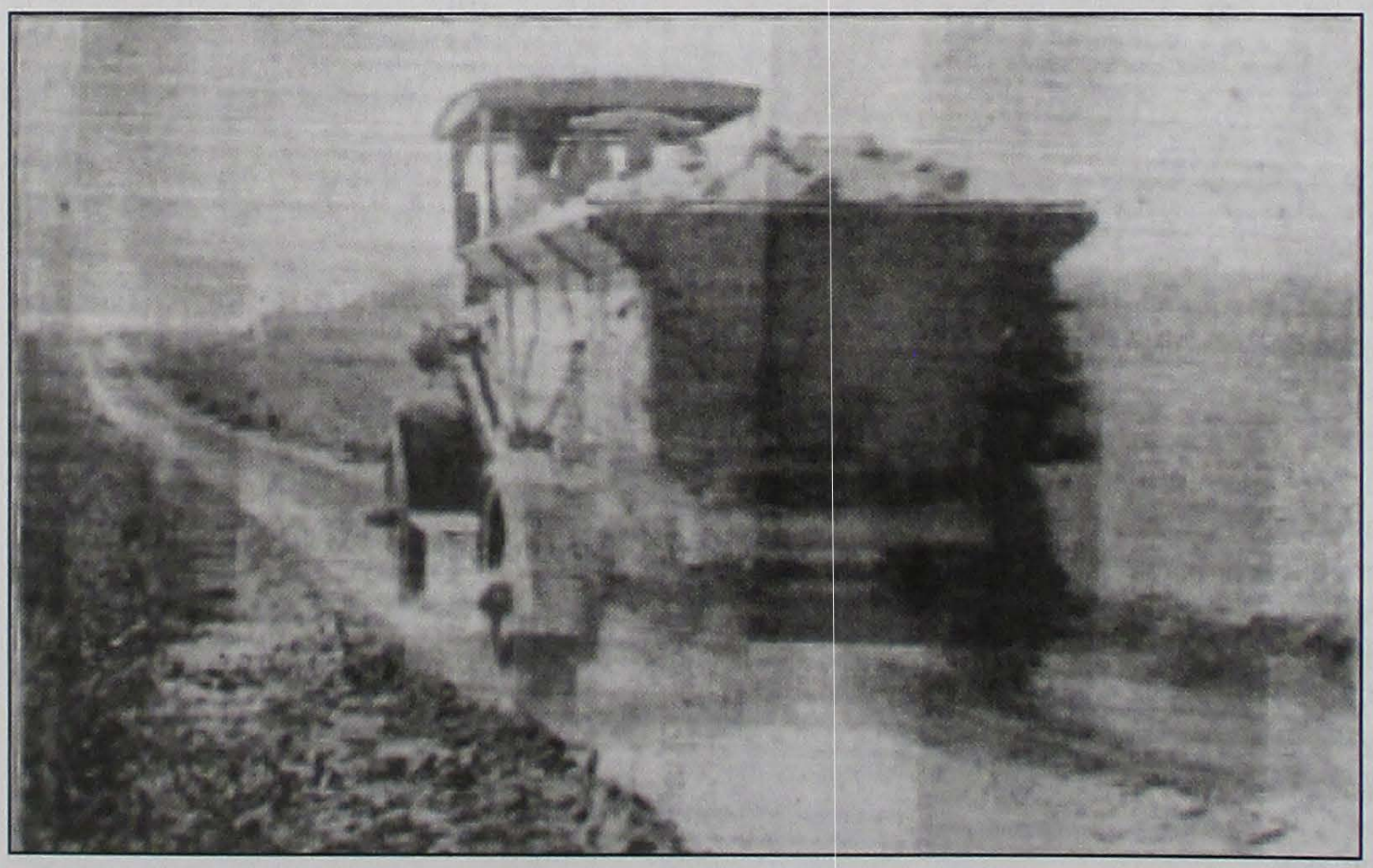
1924 Telephone Service

A list of the eleventh grade students at Milford School showed a telephone number for everyone of the people listed. Whether it is a number for the home of the student or a very near neighbor is not mentioned but the point remains that a phone was available to each. Until about 1960, Milford Twp was served by a system of "party lines" . There might be as many as 11 homes connected through one line. A series of long or short rings would serve as a code to the patrons as to whom was to answer the phone. This wasn't as conducive to privacy as most would desire as anyone could, and many did, pick up the receiver and listen or participate in the conversation. Once in a while there could be so many folks listening, that the original speakers could barely hear each other. On the other hand, if an emergency occurred, and they did happen, one very long ring was a very effective signal that everyone was supposed to respond. Laws were passed that supposedly kept someone, for example, from ringing the emergency signal to announce they had something for sale, etc.

Ol Milford Farmer say: If you think no one care- try missing a couple of payments.

Across top; This picture, taken in Milford Twp in 1917, shows the ingenuity of the Story County folks to grade the road. In 1930 the law was changed that permitted the upkeep of the roads to be transferred from the township trustees to the care of the County. As a footnote to the gradual changing of the roads from dirt to gravel this short "editorial" comment appeared in the Nevada paper in the spring of 1904 under the heading of "Milford" - "The roads are drying up again.....More gravel is being spread upon the road every year. It doesn't take a man of very large intellect to see that it is the proper thing."

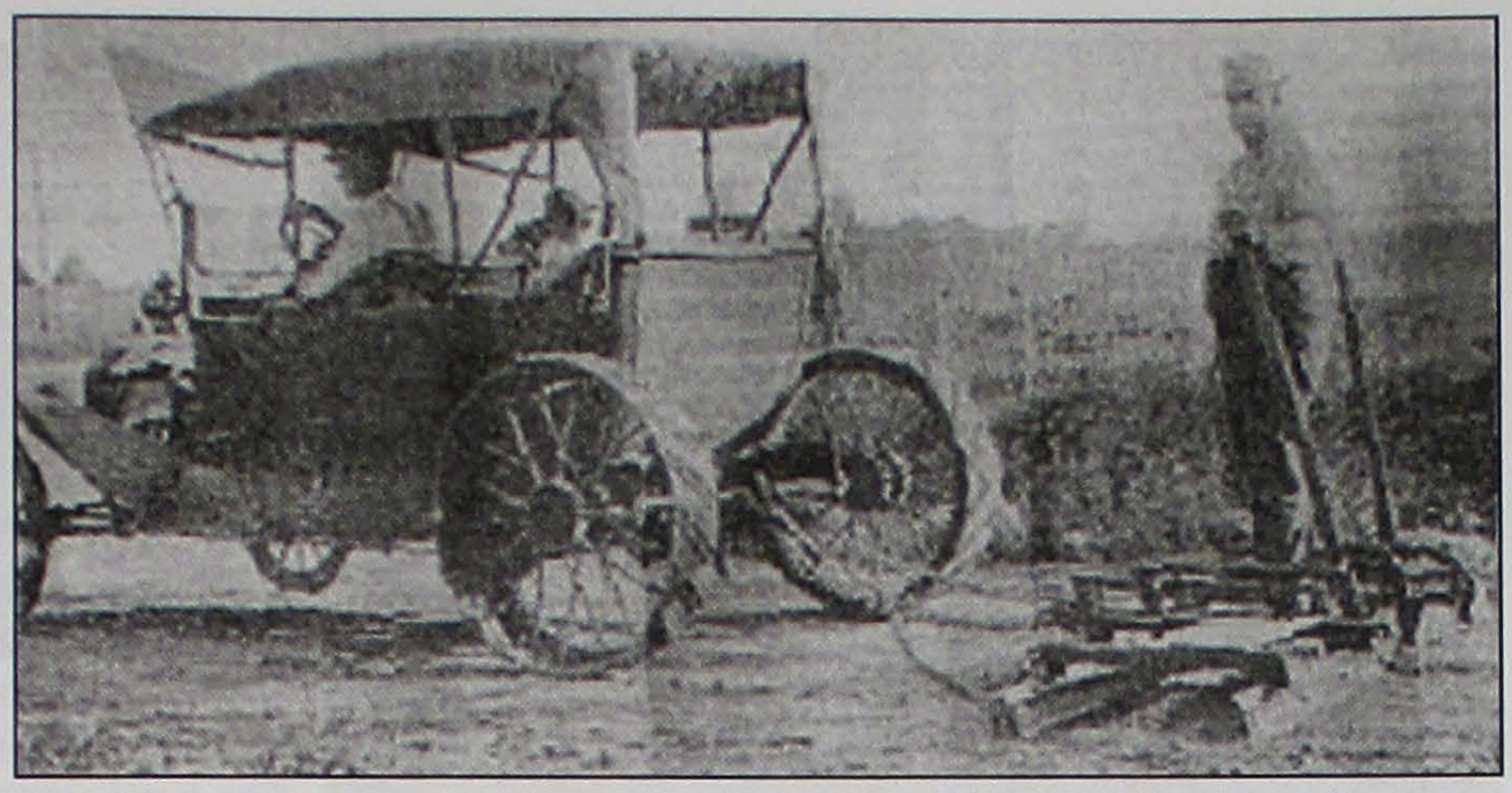
Below; 1879 The narrow gauge Des Moines and Minneapolis R.R. bridge north of Gilbert. This ravine was filled when the R.R. went to a standard width track. This is the R.R. that beat the one that never came to Milford. (Bad grammar, but a good way to put it.)- See: " 1871 R.R. Vote"



1917 Hauling Bricks for the Story County Home

This rare photograph, taken in 1917, shows a load of brick being hauled to the construction site of the new Story County Care Facility which is (was) located in the north half of Sec 35 in Milford Twp. This photo appears to be taken looking west at the site of the current Evergreen Cemetery in Sec 36, just west of S14. (Just down the road east of where Ottos lived for years.)

Road Maintance
That's the county engineer standing on the blade in this 1917 picture taken in Milford Twp just to the northwest of Nevada. This was the new improved method of dragging the road. Does the picture indicate that it's a two man job or is he there just for the photo?



The All-Weather Roads of Milford Twp

Sticky mud when it rained and dusty as face powder when it was dry. The roads of Milford Twp were no different than those of any other portion of Iowa in the early history of the State. In many places, near extra soft spots, the road would be simply moved over when it would become axle deep with ruts. Gradually, starting around the time of the First World War, these roads were stabilized and graveled and by the time of Second World War, there only remained four miles of dirt road within Milford Twp or on its borders. The dirt road between Secs 8 and 17, informally or perhaps humorously call "Lovers Lane", was closed in the early fifties. It was a pretty road with its overhanging branches and a strip of vegetation between the tire tracks, but on the other hand, when there was a pond across the road or water collected in the ruts, it was time to turn around.

In 1926 there were only eight and three quarters miles of road that had been graveled within Milford Twp; however the six mile common road with Richland Twp, now S14, had gravel as did the south three miles of Dayton Rd (R-63) which borders Franklin Twp The roads within Milford Twp that had gravel were the Hartland Road (190th) (Done in 1925 or 1926) and the two and three quarter miles from (S-14 or 620th) to the county farm.

In the summer of 1929, the six mile road going south from Roland (R-77 or 600 Ave) was graveled to the Hartland Road. (E-29 or 190 Street)

1 Jan 1930 saw the transfer of control of township roads in Story County to the County Road system: ie; from the township trustees to the County Supervisors.

By 1935 there were about 28 miles (of the approximately 60 miles of roads within Milford Twp) of graveled road within Milford Township and eleven more that were common to other townships.

Currently, 2009, there are two roads of 3/4 mile and one road of one mile length that are still dirt.

Then, following the Korean War, in 1954 the first hard surfaced road in Milford Twp was lain atop the existing gravel from the cemetery corner in west Nevada north for four miles (actually the north three miles were in Milford Twp) to the Hartland Road. (now 190th or E-29) This road replaced four miles of gravel road that generally had 3-1/2 miles of wash board gravel that had a distinct tendency to turn a car sideways if the speed were very high. But the new surface was smooth and conducive to higher speeds which meant dashing past and missing the beauty of the growing corn and weeds, the attractive, well maintained-precisely painted farmsteads; seemingly speeding up the entire community, even the birds must flee with faster reaction.

In the fifties, and perhaps earlier and as late as 1964, there was a different system of identifying the main roads. The Hartland Road (E-29) was labeled "E". Dayton Road, south of Dayton Park, was also labeled "E". R-77 (600 Ave) was labeled "C" and the road in

The gravel road between Sec 7 and 8 with the camera pointing north. That is the Jack Strother homestead of the fifties just a ways south of the Pleasant Grove Church. I-35 is just to the left a 150 yards or so.

One of the Burley farms along E-29 a mile and a quarter east of Milford School on the north side where Floyd and Ethel Davis lived in the fifties. This view shows the fine hardsurface road there, however, it also shows the lack of a shoulder on this road. The planning changed after this construction and when R-77 was built a few years later, broad, safer shoulders were put in place.

Milford Twp from Nevada to the Story County Home was labeled "R". By 1973 this labeling system was replaced.

In 1956 the gravel road north on the far east side of Milford Twp from Hartland Rd (E-29 or 190th Street) to the road (E-18) that ran east-west from Roland to McCallsburg was paved. This was a continuation of the S-14 county road (620th Ave).

In 1957 the third hard surfaced road (R-63) went north from the southwest corner of Milford Twp for three miles to the intersection at Dayton Park; or, from thirteenth street of Ames (220th Street) to E-29 (190th Street) This was a relatively high use gravel road and was almost always a wash board that felt as though it was going to shake the wheels off the car.

Not until April and May of 1959 was the first hard surfaced road entirely within Milford Twp in place. The road that went east from Milford School for three miles to the intersection with S-14 was hard surfaced. This is a portion of the road known as Hartland Rd. (now E-29 or 190th Street)

The next summer, in Sept and Oct of 1960, according to the Story County records, three miles more of the Hartland Rd west from Milford School was hard surfaced. This ended the drop-off from the hard surfacing ending at Milford school, which had been the situation for two summers and one winter. Most people that I visited with thought the black-top ended at Milford for a longer period of time than 18 or so months but the "official" records contradict this. Some thought the road west from Milford was graded and ditches widened in 1960 and then a year or two later the pavement was put in.

This brick home, a half mile west of Milford School along E-29, the Andrew Brodie farm of the sixties, sits along a fine hard surface road built in Sept and Oct of 1960. The camera is looking to the east and Milford School is on the very right.

In 1967 the north-south road, R-77, one mile east of Milford School that ran straight north to Roland was graded and wider ditches were created. The intention was to hard surface this road with Portland cement the following summer but due to excessive rains in 1968 the paving project was postponed and done during the summer of 1969. This road is called R-77 or 600th Ave. This right-of-way had been widened in 1948 when the road was regraded. R-77 was resurfaced in 2006.

The road north of Dayton Park for a mile and then east to McFarland Park was hardsurfaced in 1984.

Also, in southeast Milford Twp there are two miles of sealcoated road that go to the site of the Story County Care Facility from S14. This work was first done in 1977 and then redone in 1986. This road apparently was redone to gravel in 2006.

Milford Twp shares 12 miles of hard surfaced border roads with its neighbors- (four with Franklin and six with Richland and two with Grant). Excluding Interstate 35 (I-35), Milford Twp has, within its borders, 9 ½ miles of hard surfaced roads.

There is a little over 6 ½ miles of Interstate 35 within Milford Twp This road was built in two segments- south of E-29 and north of E-29. South of E-29 the land was graded in 1965, culverts etc, were placed in 1966, the road was paved in 1967 and opened to traffic in 1968. North of E-29 every step was a year later, except the opening which also occurred in 1968. Part of the situation that caused this was the relocation of the survey to the east about a half mile because of the proposed construction of a lake on the South Skunk River near the north edge of Ames. This caused the construction of a good sized bridge over Bear Creek. During the winter of 1967-'68, even though I-35 had been paved as far as the E-29 exit, the northbound traffic was still

routed off I-35 onto Highway 30 and 69 and through Ames on South Duff, Lincolnway, and Grand Ave. One could drive around the barrier at Highway 30 and I-35 and continue up to the E-29 exit. There are two interchanges during this 6 ½ miles; one at E-29 (exit 116) known as the Hartland Road and the other at the south border of Milford Twp at 220th Street (Thirteenth Street, exit 113). There is a reststop for the southbound I35 traffic within Milford Twp just north of 170 Ave.

For years, one of the map makers erroneously had an interchange at the Pleasant Grove Church area. This would be straight east of Gilbert.

For a time during the summer of 1929, when the east-west road (The Lincoln Highway) through Nevada was paved as a part of the Lincoln Highway project, the traffic on that road (officially designated Primary Road No 30) was routed north 4 miles at State Center then west 20 miles on the county gravel, across Milford Twp to Dayton Park and then south to the standard location of the Lincoln Highway just to the east of Ames. The section of the road from Nevada to Ames was done by two crews- both starting at the North Grant School and one working to the west and the other to the east toward Nevada. This, also, was the time that the road was rerouted straight west in West Ames. Instead of turning north from Lincolnway at the football stadium, onto Sheldon Street, the highway continued to the west. (The football stadium was at the very southwest corner of the campus at that time.)

Below: A southbound view of the fine gravel road between Sec 8 and 9 with the Loyd Hughes farmstead in view with the Dave Stensland farmstead at the corner about 5/8 mile away. Sowers lived here at the pictured farmstead, as did George Roberts and Jeffrey Jacobson. For a while in the late sixties, Loyd had a runway and hangar on the east side of this road. Until the sixties there was a good sized barn on the east side of the road, but it was torn down and some of the lumber was used to build a house across the road from Honderds and up on top of the hill. This house burned down a few years later.

Above and Below: Ungraveled country roads through the windshield of a Model "A" Ford. Pretty to travel but when they're wet, it's a different story.

Below: Following a rain; next to impassable.

This famous DOT picture, taken in 1917 or 1918, just to the west of Nevada, and just a mile to the south of Milford Twp shows the condition of the roads following a wet spell during that time period. It was taken, undoubtedly, to be distributed statewide to help create a demand by the public for improvement in the condition of the Iowa roads. It appears the photographer is facing the east along the Lincoln Highway - very near where the Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall is now located-along the north side of Sec 10 of Grant Township- about a mile and a third east of the North Grant School.

One might wonder why the driver appears to be smiling? Or is that a smile? Perhaps he's moving his lips rehearsing what he's going to say to whomever came up with the idea for this picture. Maybe he's just proud of his machine and a little self-conscious?

Another caption for this picture might be to wonder why the driver washed his machine just to go play in the mud for the photographer.

Muddy Conditions

This well known photo, just a mile from Milford Twp, shows the condition of transportation by automobile following a wet spell in our area. (It was in the summer of 1930 that the Lincoln Highway across Story County was completely paved.) Iowa, and Milford Twp, stayed in the mud because of the alienation of the farmers by the wording in the law of the time that permitted the adjacent landowner to be assessed "a fraction of the cost" for the construction of a pavement past his property. This assessment could be on land that lay as far from the new pavement as a mile. Furthermore, the "fraction of the cost" was an unknown percentage.

After two unsuccessful votes, (1919 & 1922), in 1924 four factors combined to overcome shortcomings in funding. 1) Car registrations increased, (1915- 147,000 & 1925 - 660,000) 2) License fees jumped from a flat fee of $15 to a graduated amount as high as $80. 3) A fuel tax of 3 cents a gallon on gasoline was imposed. 4) The unpopular "fraction of the cost" clause was eliminated .

Another incident, perhaps it could be called a phenomenon of nature, was conceivably the greatest influence on the minds of the voters. During this time, in the fall of 1922, Minnesota played Iowa at the Iowa City football facility in front of a crowded stadium. During the game, a hard rain moved in, covering a large area, and stranded most of the fans in Iowa City. They were stranded and stuck by the muddy roads. This one incident, perhaps more than any other, showed the need in the minds of the public, the voters, and the legislators for better roads in Iowa.

Just as a footnote to this information-- It was in the summer of 1947 that the new markings for "no passing" zones of Highways 30 and 69 were painted across Story County. At the time, the no passing zone, represented by the yellow stripe, was where the yellow stripe was on the right side of the black center stripe.

Southbound I-35 in Milford Twp

1926 Graveling the Hartland Road

An announcement in the paper in the spring of 1926 relates that the road from the Dayton Park road eastward for five miles to the Fred Barret corner on the Roland road will be graveled (apparently for the first time) with 1,000 cubic yards of gravel per mile with the gravel to be taken from the Templeton pit in Sec 12 of Franklin Township.

The article raises some questions though as the Fred Barret corner was six miles from the Dayton Park road. It's the corner of E-29 and S-14. So, apparently the editor made an error and wrote "five" instead of "six"? However, the Roland road did, for a while run north and south a mile west of where it is commonly used today. So select the option for error in the paper. The county started graveling the road north from the cemetery corner in Nevada in 1920 (S14). (pg 311)

1927 Horse Drawn School Busses Stuck

This interesting little clip appeared in the April 1927 Nevada Paper:

"Several (Milford Twp Consolidated) horse drawn busses were unable to get through the mud last Thursday and the pupils were compelled to walk to school as it took almost all morning to dig the busses out of the mud."

Reports are that the busses got stuck in the low ground just a quarter mile or so north of the school and this would explain the use of the word "several" as the routes would start to overlap when getting closer to the school.

Apparently, the fellows, in their attempt to free the vehicles, double teamed the horses and were successful in pulling the front end out from under one of the busses. No mention is made of the cost of replacing the broken parts but there is mention that the matter had to be financially covered.

1920 Homicide in Milford Twp

Andrew Jorgenson, a bachelor farmer in southern Milford Twp, had, over the years around the time of the First World War, developed a reputation for being a recluse. This reputation, plus his known dislike of the banking institutions and living in isolation in the middle of Sec 26, just a half mile north of the Story County Home, fostered a concept that he had large sums of money at his home. Two men, Fred Berry and Ted Clark, decided they would pay Mr Jorgenson a visit to see if this were the case and, if so, relieve him of the burden of caring for so much money and treasure. Mr Jorgenson, 40 years of age, ended up chasing the two from his farm with a shotgun. This did more to reassure them that the rumors were true. Fred Berry then conspired with James Hamilton, a farm hand from Des Moines who was employed in south Story County, and Roy Cline, a truck driver from Nevada, to go to the Jorgenson farm and be more forceful and get some of the riches. Fred Berry did not actually go the farm site on the actual date of the second attempt.

Some two weeks later, on 19 October, 1920, these two men, Cline and Hamilton, apparently under the suggestion of Fred Berry, paid Mr Jorgenson another visit, with the intent of filling their pockets with an easy bounty. When they confronted Mr Jorgenson in the farm yard, one man turned and started toward the house. Mr Jorgenson, with his ever-ready shotgun, turned and followed him. The second intruder, Hamilton, followed Mr Jorgenson toward the house and picked up, along the way, a lead pipe about 2' in length, and struck Mr Jorgenson on the back of the head with it, killing him.

A couple of days later, Mr Mont Hanson, who lived a half-mile to the north- in the SW corner of Sec 23- heard Mr Jorgenson's cattle bawling from thirst and hunger, and decided to go investigate. Not being able to find Mr Jorgenson, as well as noticing the house had been partially ransacked, he returned home and called the sheriff. The sheriff came and found Mr Jorgenson's body out by a cow pasture where he had been tied, drug and had the pockets turned inside out. The sheriff, knowing of an incident 2 weeks previous, visited with these people and they led authorities to Mr Cline and Mr Hamilton. Hamilton, who had done some wrestling in Des Moines and appears to be a quite strong man, confessed to the sheriff when asked, that he'd hit Mr Jorgenson with the lead pipe.

Hamilton and Cline waived their right to a trial and were both sentenced to life in prison in Fort Madison. All they got in their ransacking efforts were $12 and a watch worth about $5. Fred Berry, who confessed that he conspired with Ted Clark and Roy Cline to rob Jorgenson, went to the Fort Madison penitentiary for three years.

It was noted in the paper of the verbal fights and threats that went back and forth between Hamilton and Cline while they were in jail at Nevada. It is easy to imagine that Hamilton was very irritated at Cline for getting him involved in such a stupid venture and that Cline was saying things like - you big overstrong dummy, why did you hit him so hard? Anyhow, the Story County Sheriff had to put them in isolation in different cells and delivered them to Fort Madison on 11 Dec 1920.

There were two farmsteads near the center of Sec 26. One had access from the north (200th Street) and remained a farmstead into the early 2000s. The other apparently had access from the south (210th Street) and this farmstead is reputed to have disappeared before WWII, however a map made after the war shows the farmstead was occupied. These farmsteads were probably founded and located just off the diagonal road that lead northwest across Milford Twp. By 1883, except for a half mile or so in Sec 4, this road had been replaced by the standard square pattern that is still in use today.

Fred Berry served about 25 months of his three year sentence. Kline, the spelling the penal system used for him, was imprisoned until 1 Dec 1949 after his sentence had been commuted to a 99 year sentence about a year earlier and he was paroled. Hamilton had a quite interesting experience with the penal system. He escaped prison on 27 Oct 1935 and was captured at Hannibal, Mo., and returned on 28 Oct 1935. At some time or other he was transferred to the Clarinda facility. He escaped from there and seems to have dropped out the record keeping of the penal system but obviously he was returned to the penitentiary as we know that Mr Hamilton was before the parole board in 1950. Unbelievably, no record was made of the outcome of this meeting.

Footnote: Marlin Jorgensen, '54, relates that his family was not related to the branch of the Jorgenson family that included Andrew Jorgenson.

This is the dirt road between Secs 22 & 23 north of the Phil Allen home.That's water over the road about a 1/2 mile down the road. Picture taken spring of 2007 toward the south from E-29.

1929 Paid Fine and Left Town

Just as it appeared in the Nevada Paper Aug 22, 1929:

"When William Samuels, Chicago colored orchestra player, secured the cash wherewith to pay his fifty dollar fine, the entire aggregation of seven colored people boarded a bus for Illinois, leaving their damaged Buick motor car in a local garage. The negroes had been held in Nevada since Wednesday following a motor crash on the Lincoln highway detour a mile east of Dayton's park, when they crashed into a car belonging to and occupied by a Nebraska family. Two of the men were fined fifty dollars each on a charge of operating a motor car not properly registered. The Nebraska people are in a hospital at Ames recovering from their injuries."

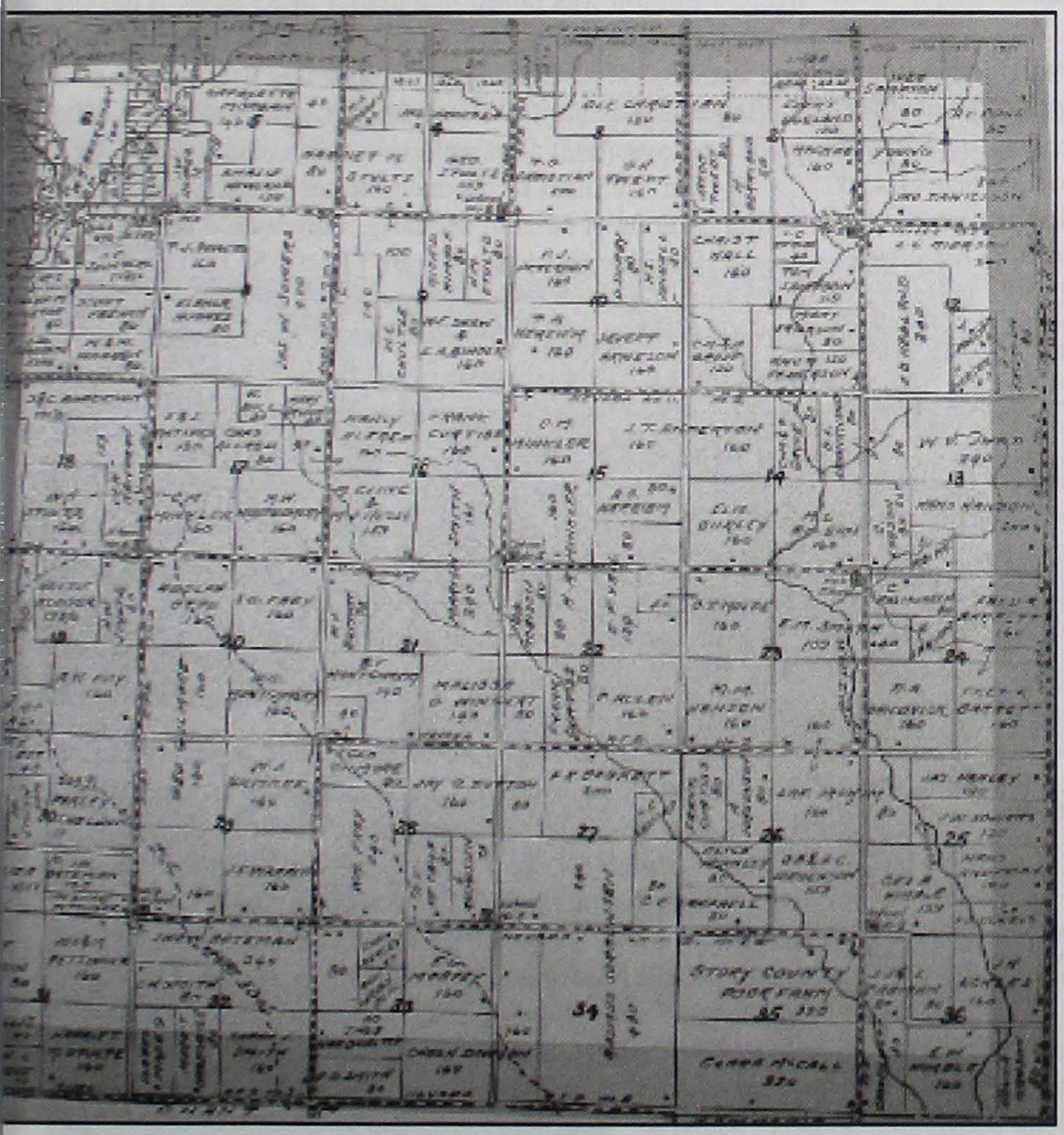
This article is particularly interesting because the incident occurred in Milford Twp and it mentions that the Lincoln Highway detour came through Milford Twp. At the time the road north from the cemetery in Nevada, the six miles of Hartland Rd (190th street or E-29) and Dayton Rd back south to Lincoln Highway were all graveled. Few other roads in our area were graveled. The official detour started at State Center and went north four miles and then west to the Dayton Park Road and then south four miles to the "original" Lincoln Highway. The Lincoln Highway was being paved at the time.

The fine seems a little out of line to the charge, so it makes one wonder if there's more to the story than is in the paper.

Highline

On a cold winter day in January of 2007 the high line that crosses Milford Township looks much the same as it did when it was constructed in 1948. One of the few differences is the obvious lack of fences. This view is looking west from the north-south road (S-14) on the east border of Milford Twp. The Loren Book farm is to the immediate left of the line and is two miles away. Milford Twp School is barely visible, three miles away, in the left side of the photo. When news of the possible construction of this highline was announced in 1946 or early 1947, there was speculation that the line would be placed with one pole north and one south of the half section fence line and thereby causing less trouble for the farmer to farm around the poles. However, when the leases were presented, it was soon discovered the intention was to place both poles on the south side of the half section line that included Secs 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 across Milford Twp. The leases, which provided Iowa Light and Power Company with a 36 foot wide strip of land, were signed in the fall and early winter of 1947 and the construction was in 1948. The line crosses Milford Twp in straight east west direction a half mile north of the Milford School and, at the time, was to connect Marshalltown to Boone.

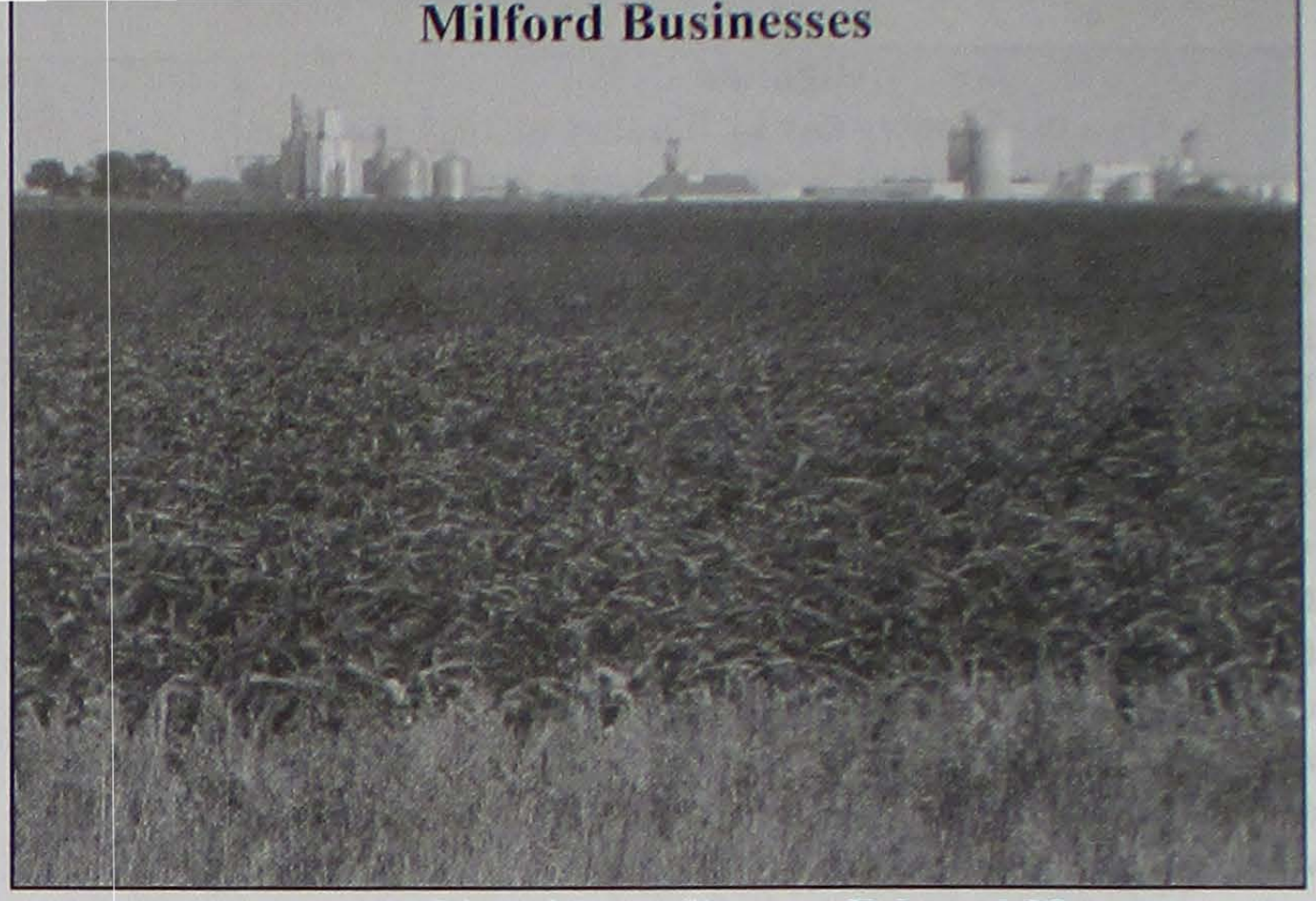
The north south pipeline was installed in the summer of 1931. Picture and story in Chapter VII, page 281.
Water pipelines were placed and Rural Water was in use by 1991 in portions of Milford Twp. Also page 281.



Electricity!
Everyone Has It!!

Gordon Bivens reports that in the late summer of 1941, he believes what was the last electric line to originally be "put in place" in Milford Twp was placed past their farm one and three quarters west of Milford Twp School. The line was a REA effort and reportedly came down from Iowa Falls. He said his family was so elated that first night that after dark they turned on all the lights in the house and went into the yard and stood there and "OOOOed and AAAAHHHHed" for a long time.

Left: A land ownership map of Milford Twp about 1912. There were no gravel roads. The hashmark lines on some of the roads are the mail routes. The locations of the Schools are shown. Milford had rural mail routes addresses from Nevada, Ames, Story City, and Roland.



Right: Looking to the southeast across some of Milford Township's fine land, shows the Ethanol Plant just about the time it opened in the summer of 2006. The view is from well over a mile away and shows a Milford Twp farmstead on the far left and then the grain division of the Heart of Iowa Coop and then the new Lincolnway Energy alcohol plant which includes the right third of the pictured horizon.

Milford Twp Trailer Park

The trailer court that is in the southwest corner of Sec 18, just northeast of Dayton Park was started by George Manley in the early fifties. Patsy Manley reports that it was "started in 1952 and operating by 1954 " with a four-star rating. The road on the south side of the court was hard surfaced in the late fall of 1960 (according to official records) and some remember the entrance to the court was located off a gravel road ("E" -190th- Hartland Rd) for awhile. Currently, 2007, there are about 35-40 trailers on site. Just across the road to the south is the Wakefield Woods.

National Animal Disease Lab.

In 1961 the second National Animal Disease Laboratory in the nation opened in Milford Township. Construction was started in July of 1958 and completed in May of 1961. The facility is located in the west half of Sec 31 and the south half of the west half of Sec 30 in the southwest corner of Milford Twp and covers 318 acres. In 1961 there were 33 fire resistant buildings. By the early 1960's there were 450 people employed there. In 2006, when asked the number of employees employed at the Lab, the words, "We're sorry, that is matter of security, and such information can not be released" were, unbelievably, heard. So be it.

The aims and purposes of the Disease Lab are to develop basic and applied research programs on infectious and noninfectious diseases of farm animals. Also, there is a regulatory program that deals with quality control of veterinary biologics and diagnostic service for national control and eradication programs with research being conducted on approximately 25 diseases. In 2006 and 2007, a large building expansion is under construction.

Thirteenth Street Businesses

The motel, built as a "Best Western" and is now a "Quality Inn", and stands at the corner of Dayton and 13th was constructed in circa 1979.

The first house built in the subdivision, Tullamore Glen, located in the northwest corner of Sec 18 was constructed in 1984.

Lincolnway Energy Ethanol Plant

The plant was built in 2005 and is located to the south of the train tracks just a half mile south of Milford Township in Sec 3 of Grant Township, about two and a half miles west of Nevada.

One of the most unique features of this facility is that it is a coal fired unit which makes a lower operating cost. The total cost of the facility is around $83,000,000 of which over 38 million was raised in a matter of 53 days. It has the potential of producing 50 million gallons of ethanol a year and markets dried distillers grain and "fly ash" for cement mixing and possibly CO2 for some specific businesses. The plant employs about 48 people.

For the plant to produce the projected output of 50 million gallons of ethanol annually, there would be the need to use 18 million bushels of corn. (That's 51,000 bushels a day.) In the year of 2003, a good year, Story County produced 26 1/2 million bushels of corn; so one could get a grasp on the figures by remembering the plant would have used 68 percent of that harvest had the plant been in operation in that year.

Fifteen board members under the direction of Bill Couser '73, (son of Dick Couser '47) Board Chairman, put up their own seed money and hired personnel to implement feasibility studies and fund-drive meetings. Tim Fevold, land owner, farm manager and resident of Milford Twp is Secretary. The Cousers are a four generation Milford family.

Others

Sylvia (Amil '33) Twedt operated a beauty parlor from her home near the SW corner of Sec 3 in the Fifties, Sixties and Seventies before moving it to Story City.

Golden Harvest (now Sygenta Seeds) opened their facility for research in 1999 on E29 a half mile east of the School in Sec 22 on the south side of the road.

Gull Painting started in 1965 in Sec 26-the Brown farm and moved to Sec 13 in 1975- Homer Thomas Farm.

Arrasmith Service Station page 279

'Ol Milford Farmer say: For every action there is an equal and opposite criticism.

Contributing to the War Effort

1863 War Meeting

From an article that was in the 1863 Nevada Paper--

"According to notice, the citizens of Milford Township..... met at the Milford School **(Edit: this would have been at the school located two miles west of the current Milford Twp School***) at the appointed hour for the purpose of raising a Township Bounty to induce men to volunteer. On motion Fred Diffenbacher was elected President and Phillip Buchtel, Secretary.*

On motion, the citizens present agreed to make up a bounty of $50 for each of the three volunteers Milford Township has to furnish, and to sign a subscription list to that effect.

On motion Wm McLain was elected Treasurer.

On motion, the President appointed a committee of three, one from each Road District, to collect the average amount ($6.53) of men liable to the draft, and of others willing to contribute.

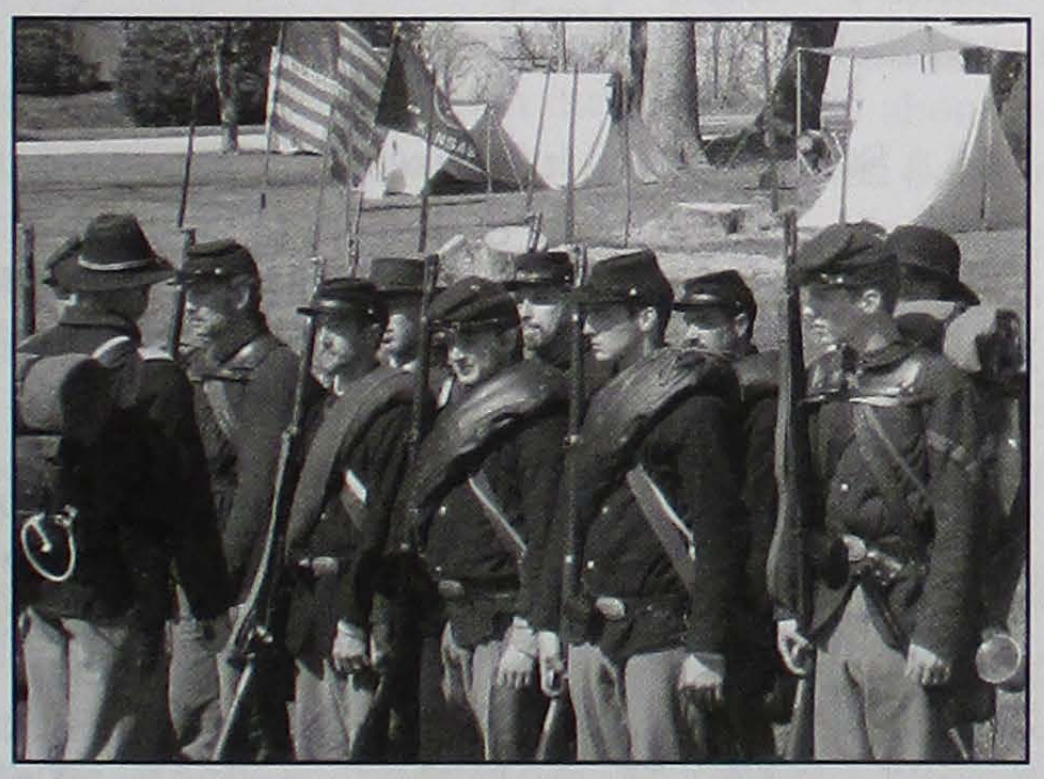
President appointed John Rich, Andrew Scott and George Gillmore.

Moved to pay said bounty of fifty dollars provided only the whole number of volunteers required of Milford Township come forth."

At the time (1863) Milford Twp had a population of 171 and was required to supply a quota of three men and they met this quota. According to the following papers (in Jan. 1864) the names of the "volunteers" were listed; one of whom was the son(? perhaps nephew?) of the president of the meeting. The three "volunteers" were N.P. Elsbree, John E. Diffenbacher, and George Louks Jr.

John Diffenbacher did survive the war after serving in the Second Iowa Cavalry.

Records of the other two fellows can not be found, either on the census in 1860 of Milford Twp or Civil War registers. This does not mean a "sham" though as the record of the census is for 1860 and the time of service is for 1863. They might have immigrated to Milford Twp in the intervening years and, also, the records of the volunteers during the Civil War are not exactly complete. Or, perhaps, they failed the physical. As a case in point, Fred and John Diffenbacher do not exist in the 1860 Census of Milford Twp. Diffenbachers were reported to live in the SW of Sec 25 by Oct of 1860.The Diffenbacher family in Milford Twp, at that time, is headed by Joseph Diffenbacher.



This group of three photos, taken at a reenactment, depicts the congregation of Union troops that occurred at the time of the War Between the States. So many youth, so full of life, hope and expectations, did not return to their families. Such was the case of Pleasant Grove's Grove Brothers who both died in the South from their wounds.

No record of any Milford Lad serving in the Confederacy has surfaced.

On 25 May 1861, about 5 weeks after the start of the War, the citizens of Milford and Franklin townships met at the Milford School House and organized the "Milford and Franklin Home Guard" . No further information with regards to enrollment and actually what these fellows did can be found. Did the entusiasim wane quickly and the organization die a early death or were they incorporated into a unit that saw active duty? Was this an all male organization or were ladies expected to participate? Seven names are mentioned and all are men. Amon Hipsher was the Chairman and Philipp Bechtel, Sec. This is the earliest "concrete" record of any school in Milford Twp that has surfaced. This School would have stood in the very NW corner of Sec 20 and was later moved to the SE of Sec 18.

Looking to the west from R77 on the dirt road along the north side of Sec 15. That's water along the road. The hills on the right of the photo are the area where the Schweringen family met their tragic end in 1860 with the prairie fire sweeping from the back left of the picture towards the right. Milford School would be a mile to the left from the trees in the center background.

Students Contribute to the Effort

During the War-- "The War" is still the Second World War to many of us old-timers- students at Milford Twp School, along with students at all the schools, had competitions to see which room could purchase the most savings stamps. These booklets held 10 cent stamps and when filled with 185 of these stamps they could be traded in for a $25 savings bond and then in ten years, one would get the twenty five dollars.

Also, in the fall each home room had a burlap bag hanging outside of one of the windows that was filled with milkweed pods. Being a rural community, Milford Twp did very well in the collection of these milkweed pods that were then centrally collected and used for making life vests for the "boys in the service". They were not as good a vest as the cork vest but would supply flotation for a time.

Moving the Privies

Some School Board minutes from August of 1920: Moved to bring the toilets from subdistrict 2 to Center Site and move the coal house from subdistrict 3 to Center, to pay the teachers about $135 a month, and to build a stable for four teams.

Robert Matters

From the Ames Paper: Pvt. Robert Matters, son of Mr and Mrs Wm Matters was in the big Tarawa fight with the Marines, and they have word from him that he is OK and like the rest of the Marines is saying: "Bring on the Japs".

A Steam Engine is Retired

It took 500 pounds of coal and plenty of water to put this old Port Huron steam engine over the last eight miles through Milford Township to the Levin junk yard in Nevada, but the veteran of many threshing runs flew to fight the Axis without "missing a chug". Its 24,970 pounds of iron, steel and other scrap were credited to the Milford Township drive after being driven to its final step by Clarence Airhart (at the wheel), Marvin Smith, Sr (left), Co-County Salvage Chairman, and Sheriff Harry Mills.

Scrap metal drives had a tendency to pull a lot of obsolete machinery out of the sheds and groves. A prime example is this 17 October 1942 photo of this old Port Huron travelling its final miles in Milford Twp as a living piece of farm equipment.

It looks like a 19-65 or perhaps a 24-75 from about 1918. It probably could pull an 8 to 10 bottom plow.

Looking South on R77 by the Tendall Home about two miles north of E29.

War Trophies Inspire Patriotism

During the Iowa State Fair of 1943 the War Department had on tour some "spoils of war" from the axis. This exhibit included a large German tank, weapons of all sorts, and, to me, the most interesting item, the fuselage of a German Luffwaffe BF109 complete with the Iron Cross marking. There was a wooden set of steps placed over the wing and one could view the interior of the cockpit and look at the shell holes in the fuselage and wings. The line was long and slow moving to take a look. Almost ironically, there was a sign that was quite clear- "Do not touch the displays".

This display, although set up with the best intentions to inspire the homefront, did instill a sense of forlorn in some of the adults (Parents, siblings and spouses) that viewed it because, in the back corners of their minds, they wondered if the enemy was doing very much the same thing with shot down American planes and busted up equipment and were thus reveling in the misery and misfortune of some of the American fighting men-- our sons and brothers. But I, as a youth, really appreciated it. It was one thing to see pictures in the newspapers and magazines of this type of thing, but here it was "in spades", the shrapnel holes, the damage, the bent metal -the result of our contribution of scrap metal and our tolerating shortages so the fighting man at the front could use those things and this display made one feel that our GIs were using "those things" quite well!

Many Milford Twp youth saw this display and it helped instill and renew a patriotic fever in us to join in the scrap and paper drives and to buy war stamps and bonds. It was a common topic of conversation at school and many of the young lads wished they had been old enough to go and join the service; although, as could be expected, the parents were glad their youngsters were too young.

By Dale Hughes '55

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Aviation

1930 Aviation Tragedy in Milford Twp.

Even in an Eden such as Milford Twp there have been instances of misfortune and tragedy. One of the most remembered is the instance of a young fellow, Roy Pond, 26, (and another man) being killed in an airplane accident within 50 feet of the door to his parent's home and in full view of his parents, Mr and Mrs. Charles W. Pond and his younger sister, Leota.

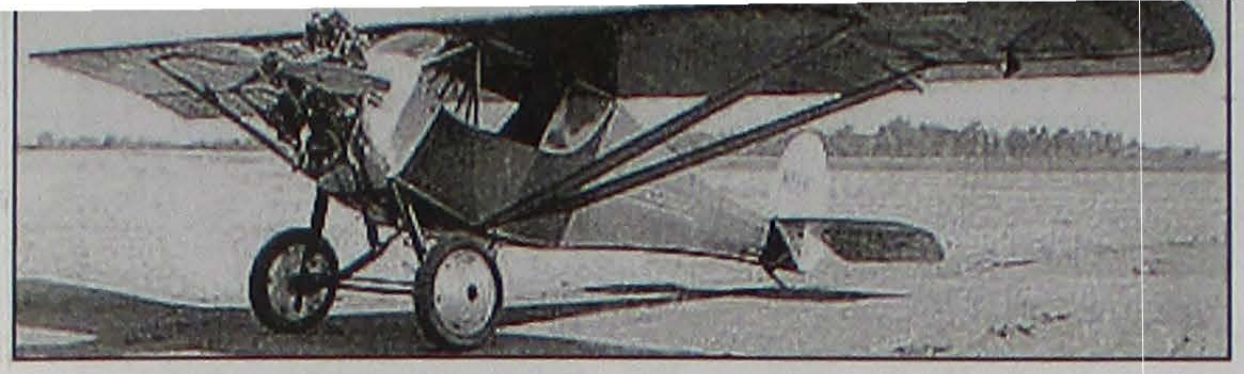
This incident occurred in the fall of 1930 on the Charles W. Pond farm in the northeast quarter of Sec 1 of Milford Twp. (This is the farmstead where the John Sorem family later lived for many years that fronts on S14.) It is reported, by the newspaper, that the crash scene was between the house and the road. (Others say that the incident occurred immediately north of the house.)

Two men were in the airplane at the time of the accident- the owner of the plane, Earl Grey, 33, who was the low time pilot, and Roy Pond, 26. (Pond was the more qualified pilot and speculation is that had Pond been at the controls the incident might never occurred) The engine had apparently stopped and reports were that apparently one fellow stood up in the plane and tried to do something but time was too short for any corrective action.

Both were killed, Grey instantly and Roy Pond, who died about twenty minutes after being taken to the Nevada Sanitarium. Grey was at the controls of the plane, a Monocoupe belonging to Grey. Pond was employed by Grey. (At the time, 1930, there were only 154 planes owned by Iowans, although technically Mr Grey was from Minnesota.)

The two men, following their visit to the Pond's farm had prepared to depart, and with Grey at the stick, took off toward the southeast, gained altitude of probably 500 feet, circled back over the Pond home and waved at the family standing in the front yard. As they circled the premises the second time, the Pond family and Hans F. Anderson, motorcar salesman of Nevada who was observing with them, noticed that the plane tilted on one wing and started downward in a nosedive. (Mr Grey was a wholesale automotive parts salesman)

The plane landed nose down in the front yard, less than 50 feet from the door of the home and within less than half of that distance from the car near which the Pond Family and Mr Anderson were standing.



Top: a Monocoupe
Above: Believed to be Roy Pond at Milford in 1925 perhaps dreaming of aviation.

Roy Pond had attended school in Milford Twp through the 11th grade and would have been in the Milford class of 1926, had there been one. In the spring of 1928 he and a friend, Marcellus King, went to Chicago where Pond had a responsible position with the Stewart Warner Radio Corporation. The two young men were interested in aviation and purchased a Standard Biplane which had been built in the fall of 1927. Roy and a friend spent several months during the summer 1929 flying in Montana. In April of 1930 he took a job for Mr Grey of Fairmont, Minnesota, to pilot his Monocoupe.

1950's Leo Neasham's Landing Strip

Leo Neasham, Nevada High School 1928, had, for a short time following the war, a landing strip behind his farmstead on the west half of the northwest quarter of Sec 36. This was where the Tarman's lived at the time of the school consolidation effort of the teens and twenties and just south of the subdistrict seven school.

A few of the folks of the area, including Richard Stevenson, at 16 years of age, took flying lessons from a lady instructor on Leo's single, grass, 1500ft, North-South runway.

In 1946 Merlyn Smallridge operated the airport, which was called the "Farm and Home Airways", and at that time, had two runways. One, north and south was 2600 feet long, and the other, northwest-southeast was 1800 feet. Both runways were of sod. They had 80 octane fuel for sale and, of course, modern rest rooms. He provided a charter service should you chose and they were approved for flight instruction for a private license. They had Major A&E (Airframe and Engine) repairs and Taxi and airport car services were available.

1944 Milford Twp Helps Build the Big Ones

Milford Twp, through the Story County War effort, helped Story County purchase three of the new beautiful B-29 planes in 1944-1945. The expressed purpose of the collection of money was for the construction of the three B-29s as there was to be a plaque on the instrument panel of the plane with the words- "This plane was built from funds raised by the people in Story County, Iowa."

At the time the B-29 was the largest production bomber in the world and because of its sleek appearance, new innovations, and great size, it really captured the imagination of the "people on the homefront".

And, you could call Merlyn through the Nevada telephone exchange- just tell the operator to connect you to, "Number 22, please".

Leo had a store, The Farm and Home Store, in Nevada on the east side of Main Street just north of where the Police station is located now. He kept on display, among all the other farm supplies and gadgets, an all metal taildragger plane which the youngsters of the community would dream up all kinds of reasons to get their folks to go into Leo's store so they could look at the "keen" airplane.

The Neasham family moved to Milford Twp in about 1941 and left in the winter of 1953-'54. They moved to Arizona but Fred, the eldest son, stayed in Nevada with his Mother's Mother and graduated from Milford Twp in 1954.

Leo also was one of the first merchants in the area to stock that new wonder, TV sets. He sold a number of sets to folks before there were any local stations. The closest stations were in Omaha so it was necessary to install a large antenna high above the house and then install a signal booster in the line to the TV set.

WOI-TV, the one-hundredth TV station in the nation, came on the air (on channel 4) on 21 Feb. 1950, and had, for a time four networks (ABC, NBC, CBS, and Dumont Networks) feeding them material from the coaxial cable that had been installed diagonally across Milford Twp from the south to the north in a slightly eastward direction. It ran through the Paul Comfort farm where a "boosting station" had been constructed about a half mile north of the Comfort farmstead on Avenue 190. (The "boosting station was a mile and three quarters north of Milford Twp School) This "boosting station" has been removed and a new facility constructed along 180th about a mile north and 3/8 west of Milford Twp school.

WOI radio was one of the earliest radio stations around. It was on the air, as a amateur station, with the call letters 9YI prior to 1914 with 240 cycle and a signal that was known throughout the midwest. This was before the beginning of voice transmission.

On 21 Nov 1921, 9YI came on the air, apparently with voice transmissions, with a "super power" 100 watts and a wave length of 375 meters. In April of 1922 this station was assigned the call letters of WOI.

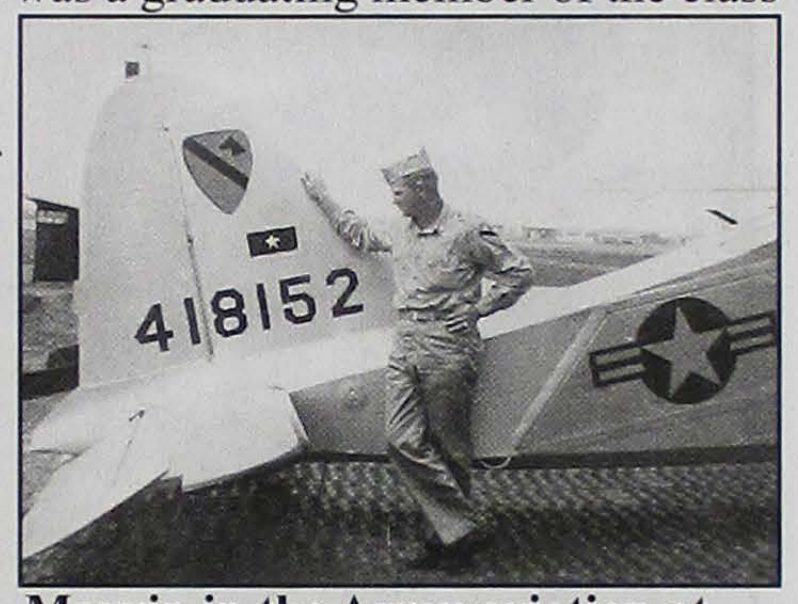
WOI was assigned a frequency of 1110 kc in Jan 1925, reassigned to 1130 kc in June 1927, 560 kc in Nov 1928, and finally, in Nov 1929 to 640 kc with 5000 watts of power.

Marvin L Sorensen during the Korean War era.

1952 Aviation Tragedy Hits Milford Twp

Incidents happen and ironies can come from these events. One of the incidents that happened and the irony that came from it is that a Milford Twp man who survived both WWII and the Korean War died in an airplane accident while engaged in the mundane tasks of farming.

On the 25th of July in 1952, in the early evening, Marvin L. "Ole" Sorensen, a 27 year old man died a couple hours after his light plane had crashed and burned in a corn field just two miles east of Ames. He was a graduating member of the class of 1944 at Milford Twp. He was the son of Harry Sorensen.



Marvin in the Army aviation attached to a Calvary Unit. Note the removable tarmac at what would appear to be a good sized military Post.

Sorensen had flown the plane to the Jay farm where his brothers, Kermit (Milford Twp 1940) and Richard (Milford Twp 1937) were making hay for Mr Jay. The mishap occurred as Sorensen took off heading southwest in the plane. He gained about 150 feet of altitude and

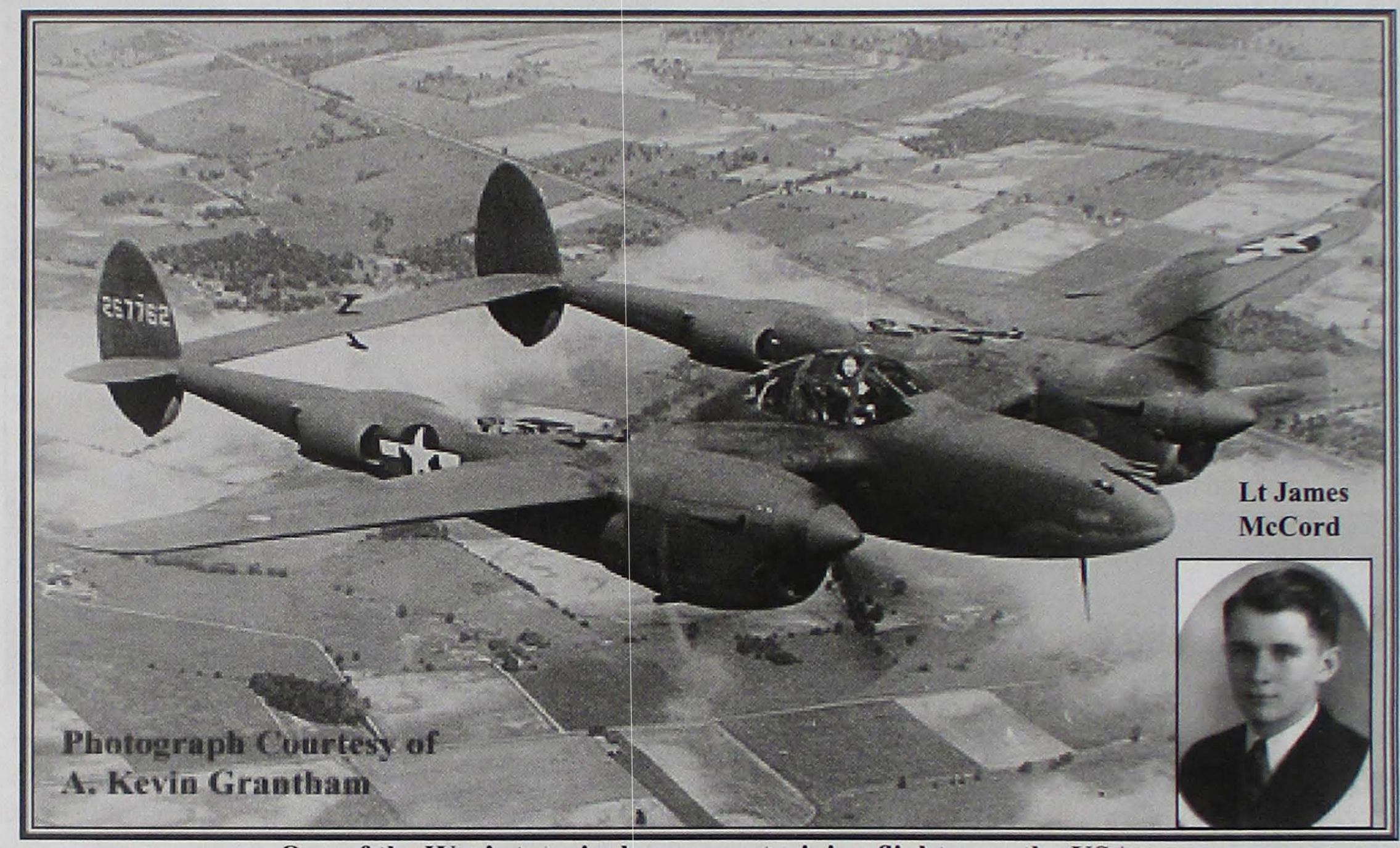
This is the actual plane that Marvin Sorensen was flying on 25 July in 1952. The lady is unidentified

banked to the left to return to the Sorensen farm. The plane apparently hit a down current and crashed in a cornfield on the Jay farm. The plane, which was owned by Marvin and his brother Richard, caught fire in the crash and was completely demolished by the flames. Sorensen died a short time later at the Mary Greeley hospital in Ames. The site of the incident was just a matter of four or so miles from his home.

The Sorensen farm was just to the west of the Story County Home farm. The Jay farm was the west half of the northwest quarter of Sec 6 in Grant Twp. The site of the crash was just a short half mile south of the corner of Thirteenth Street and Dayton Rd on the east side of the road. (In Grant Township)

Ol' Milford farmer think; If bomb go off in middle of cow herd, there would be udder destruction.

P-38 Visits Milford Twp



One of the War's top airplanes on a training flight over the USA

The date is mentioned as 1945, but it may have been anytime between 1943-1945 when there was nice enough weather to have the windows of the school open. As told to Dale Hughes by Joe Harper '47:

Anticipation, excitement, and suspense swept through Milford Twp School when the news of a impending flyby by a graduate of the School was spread through the student body toward the end of the war in 1944 or 1945. The hero at the controls of a first line fighterplane, a P-38, was James McCord '39. Joe Harper was in the shop room, in the very southwest of the first floor, when the plane was heard and the shop boys clambered out the windows in their haste to see this great fighting machine. Mr Halverson, the Superintendent, was the instructor and didn't seem too upset by either the action of one of his former students, James McCord, who now was "an American fighting man" or the action of his shop class in bailing out of the class room windows. They reluctantly returned to the class after the plane had made its second sweep of the area at about tree top level and disappeared. James McCord's parents lived at the Story County Home where his Dad, Earl, was the Supt. and so it is easy to assume that perhaps the P-38 buzzed the county home and then the school. Perhaps James came up from the south and buzzed the county home and continued his flight up toward the school and pulled up after passing the school, did a sharp turn and dove back down to tree top level and went to the southeast and buzzed the county home again and then back to the business of flying for Uncle Sam. He could have been going about 400 mph or so, and at 9 seconds a mile, it wouldn't take long to cover the three miles from one

facility to the other. Those twin Allisons roaring, those big props that are just a blur- boring holes in the sky, it was a real event that put the hair on the back of your neck on end - and to think one of our own Milford people is at the controls of this beautiful bird. James McCord was the brother of Betty McCord ('36) who was married to Lt. Laverne "Bud" Sorensen ('36) who was killed in an airplane (B-24) training accident in central Kansas in the summer of 1943. (See "Gold Star Men" pg 191)

The P-38 was the first American designed 400 mph piston engine aircraft having been designed and first constructed in 1937 and placed into the service in 1939. It had a wingspan of 52 feet and a length of just under 38 feet. The engines were two inline Allison V-1710 rated at 1,425 hp each and the maximum speed was 414 mph although reports of much higher speeds were numerous. They had a service ceiling of about 44,000 feet and a range, without drop tanks, of 340 miles. 9,923 P-38s had been built when production stopped in 1945. The plane had just the one crewman- the pilot. It was nicknamed the "Lightening" and, on the ground, it looked somewhat ill at ease with its tricyle gear, but, in the air, it was a superb looking weapon. Top WWII American ace Major Richard Bong earned all of his 40 kills while flying a P-38 in the Pacific Theater.

A Long Time Milford Pilot

George Lendell Manley, '46, attended Park College, (St Louis University) St. Louis, and was a Pilot- Captain for TWA for 33 years.

Lendell Manley
1946 and 2005

Manleys had a landing strip behind their farmstead in Sec 18 for a number of years. Lendell still owns a small plane that his Dad owned.

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In the early '60's the Book Family had a foreign exchange student from Laos living with them. In the late '60's, Dave Allen '55, pilot for Air America in Laos, was in a restaurant there and heard good American being spoken. He introduced himself to this man and in the visiting found out that it was the Book's foreign exchange student Don Pomacheck-- From a mile and a quarter in Milford Twp to meeting in Laos!

Ol Milford Farmer hear: There are old pilots, there are bold pilots, but there are no old, bold pilots.

2003 Aviation Tragedy Takes Ex-Milfordite

When the Neasham family left Milford Twp in the spring of 1954, Dick Neasham was a freshman. The family moved to Texas, California, and then to Arizona and settled in the Tuscon area. There Dick established a swimming pool business, but, one of his strongest interests was in aviation. While in Arizona he became the owner of four airplanes.

One day in the spring of 2003, April 23, Richard (who we all would still call Dick) was piloting his Meyers 200D four seater plane just on the southeast edge of Tucson when, while making a low level, high speed pass over a school construction site where his son, Troy, was working, he clipped the wing of his plane on a construction trailer. The resulting impact sent the aircraft tumbling through the desert for about 400 yards. Dick, 64, was killed instantly.

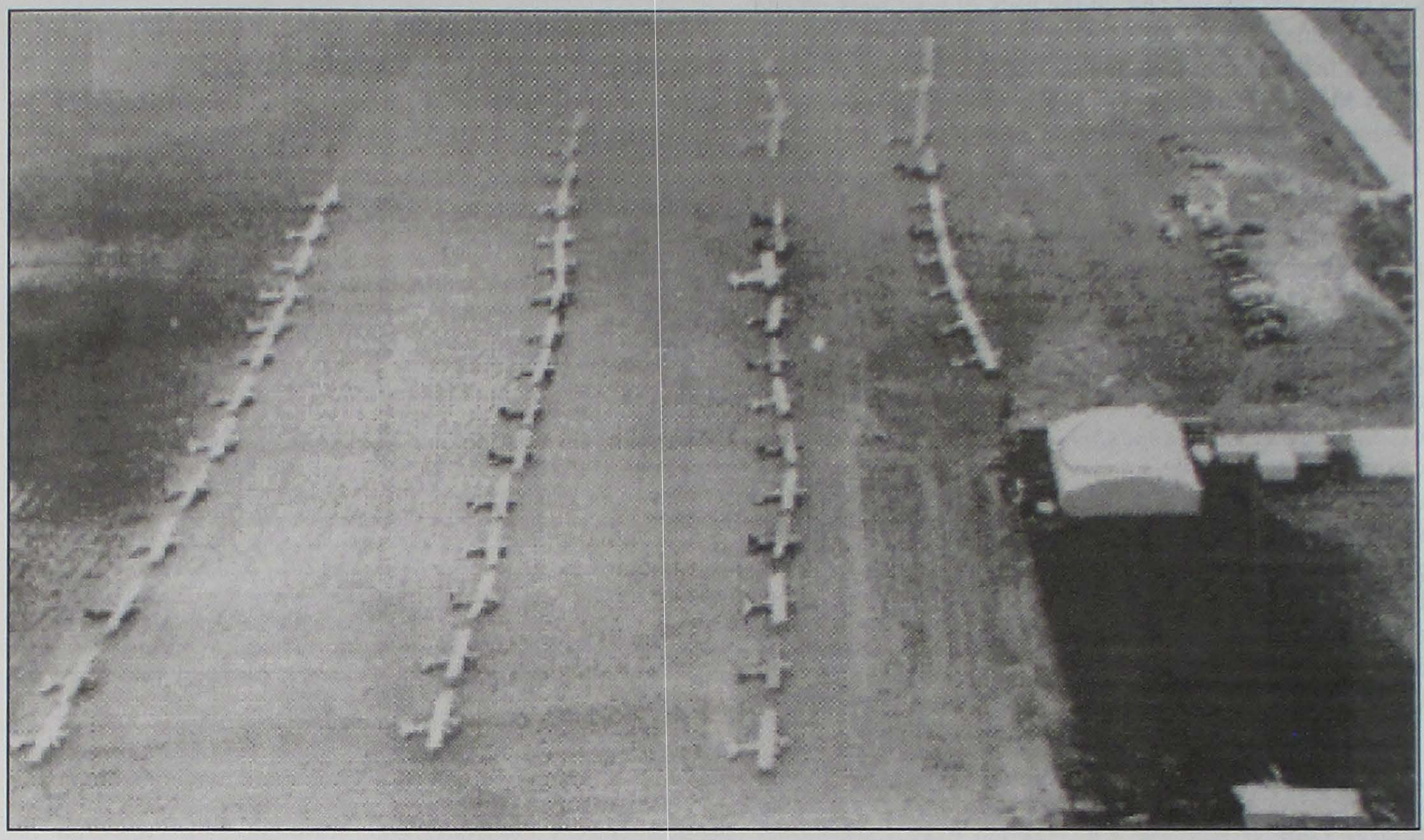
As a high school student in Arizona, Dick was twice the Individual High School Tennis Champion of Arizona in 1956 and 1957.

Dick would have been in Milford's graduating class of 1957 and had he stayed at Milford Twp, would have, undoubtedly, contributed much to efforts of the Milford's very fine basketball teams of that era which won the Story County Tournament both in 1956 and 1957. While in Jr. High at Milford Twp, his Jr High team was undefeated. (Gerald Petersen as the coach) (Mrs Jessie Peterson, no relationship to Coach Petersen, was the chaperon for both the boys and the girls.)

Milford Twp Pilots

Roy Pond, killed in 1930 airplane accident- see pg 37.
Elmer Paul, flying farmer after The War
1941 Dick Comfort, WWII PBY pilot; Arizona law enforcement.
1942 Marvin "Ole" Sorensen, Killed in a plane accident-1952 page 39
1946 George "Lendell" Manley flew in the military and TWA for 33 years.
1947 Richard Stevenson, private pilot
1955 David Allen, Navy Vietnam era pilot: qualified on seven different planes.
1955 Dale Hughes, Air Force
1956 Jack Allen, Multi engine instructor
1956 Duane Brodie, Private Pilot
1956 Loyd Hughes, Private Pilot
1962 Gordon Tjelmeland, Air Force
1962 Gary Handeline

Ames Municipal Airport in Milford Twp



The 1940 Elks Flight breakfast fly-in at the Ames Airport (Milford) on East 13th Street, about one mile east of the present-day I-35 Interchange on the north side of the road. Few seem to recall if the road on the right of the picture is Thirteenth Street (220th Street) or 570 Ave. If the camera is looking east, the location could be either in the southeast of Sec 31 or the southwest of Sec 32. and the road is Thirteenth Street. If the camera is looking north, then the road is 570 Ave and the area is in Sec 31. Nothing currently remains of site. (Speculation) The weak shadows on the ground seem to indicate a late morning sun and if that is the case, the camera is looking north. Photo from the Farwell T. Brown Photographic Archive (Ames Public Library).
(Later Info) A neighbor in the vicinity reports the facility was in the SE of Sec 31.

Airport in Milford Township

Few, except the most enthusiastic aviation fans, recall that Milford Township was, for a few years, the home of the Ames airport. This facility was located along thirteenth street in the south west of Sec 32 or in the southeast of Sec 31, in the late thirties and into the summer of 1943 when it was moved to its present site south of Ames.

In fall 1940, Earl Howard was appointed head of the federal government's Civilian Flight Training Program and held flight training programs here in Milford Twp. This was done until the summer of 1943.

During the mid-sixties, both of the Hughes brothers, Dale and Loyd, owned private planes. Loyd lived on the east side of Sec 8 and kept his hangared across the road in Sec 9. Dale kept his at Boone municipal. Loyd owned a Piper Tripacer and Dale a Culver V. Loyd had a thrilling hot air convection experience and soon sold his craft. This very plane was involved a year or so later in a fatal (four killed) plane crash. Dale had a few "hairy" experiences in his craft (a long story for another medium) and after an incident in Alabama, sold his machine when he got it to Florida.

CHAPTER III

Some of the Milford Area Historical Sites and Notable Places

The Four Corners Tree in NE Milford Twp

An Old Cottonwood;
(Adapted from the April 9, 1909 -Nevada, Iowa Representative newspaper.)
The Landmark of Four Townships

This beautiful large cottonwood stood in the center of the intersection at the common corners of four townships (Howard, Milford, Richland, and Warren). It was cut down in October of 1924

There is a notable cottonwood tree at the intersection of the roads at the corner of the townships (1909) of Milford, Warren, Howard, and Richland and concerning this tree, it has been understood that there was a story. The tree was planted by Cyrus Springer, one of the pioneers of that section, and the following traditional account is furnished at the request of the Nevada, Iowa Representative (newspaper) by Mr. Springer's son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Springer and Miss Vernie Springer- all of McCallsburg.

Cyrus Springer, a gunsmith, of Nelsonville, Perry Co. Ohio, after twice failing to get into the Union Army came, with his wife and children, in 1865, to Story County. Here he purchased a farm in the very northwest corner of Richland Township and built a house and blacksmith ship, and in connection with his blacksmith business, he did some work as a gunsmith. At that time there was a great demand for this skill as game was plentiful and much prized in the pioneer's larder. He also planted a grove, as everyone did then for the protection from wind and also for a source of winter's fuel.

While in Nevada one day he brought home a brick, polished the surface, cut his name and the date in one side, enclosed it in a copper box and buried it in the center of the road and exactly in the corner of the four townships, Milford, Howard, Richland and Warren. Then he set out a cottonwood tree directly above the box. The tree grew and still stands, (spring 1909) a magnificent shade in the summer and a landmark at all times.

After the mother of the family died in the spring of 1873, the remainder of the Cyrus Springer family moved on to Nebraska. The house, shop and most of the grove are gone, but the tree still stands (1909). Here's hoping it may never be destroyed while it has life. Yet some day it will be gone and if this little history be not lost, some one may unearth the copper box and its contents.

Footnote: For years before the Milford Township school consolidation, the Roland road, from Nevada, was located a mile west of the current Roland road (S-14). This caused the road to pass the three one-room schools (Nos. 7, 6, and 1) However, after the consolidation and then the cost to replace the narrow bridge over East Indian Creek between Sections 23 and 24 caused the route to be relocated a mile east. This did not increase the distance but did cause the increasing traffic to use the road that contained this novel landmark, so by 1924 the tree was removed. No note has been found that contains any information about the "time capsule" left by Mr. Springer.

An article in the 17 October 1924 Nevada Paper tells of the "sacrifice" of the historical landmark.

"One day this week the board of supervisors went up, grubbed out the main brace roots, placed a heavy charge of dynamite underneath and blew the tree out. Later it was cut up and removed from the highway and the intersection will be smoothed out and the last reminder of the old landmark will be effaced."

There was a mention of a traffic accident at the tree site just a few days earlier and when the information on this incident is discovered, one questions just how much of a hazard to navigation the tree really was. A driver, southbound, had attempted to pass the tree on the left, at the last second he saw a northbound car approaching, he violently turned his vehicle to the right and in doing so he swung the back left of the vehicle into the tree and dumped a passenger out of the vehicle causing some injury to that person. And so the story goes.

Ol' Milford farmer wonder: it may be that the fear of death that keeps us from living, not from dying.

Two Churches in Milford Twp

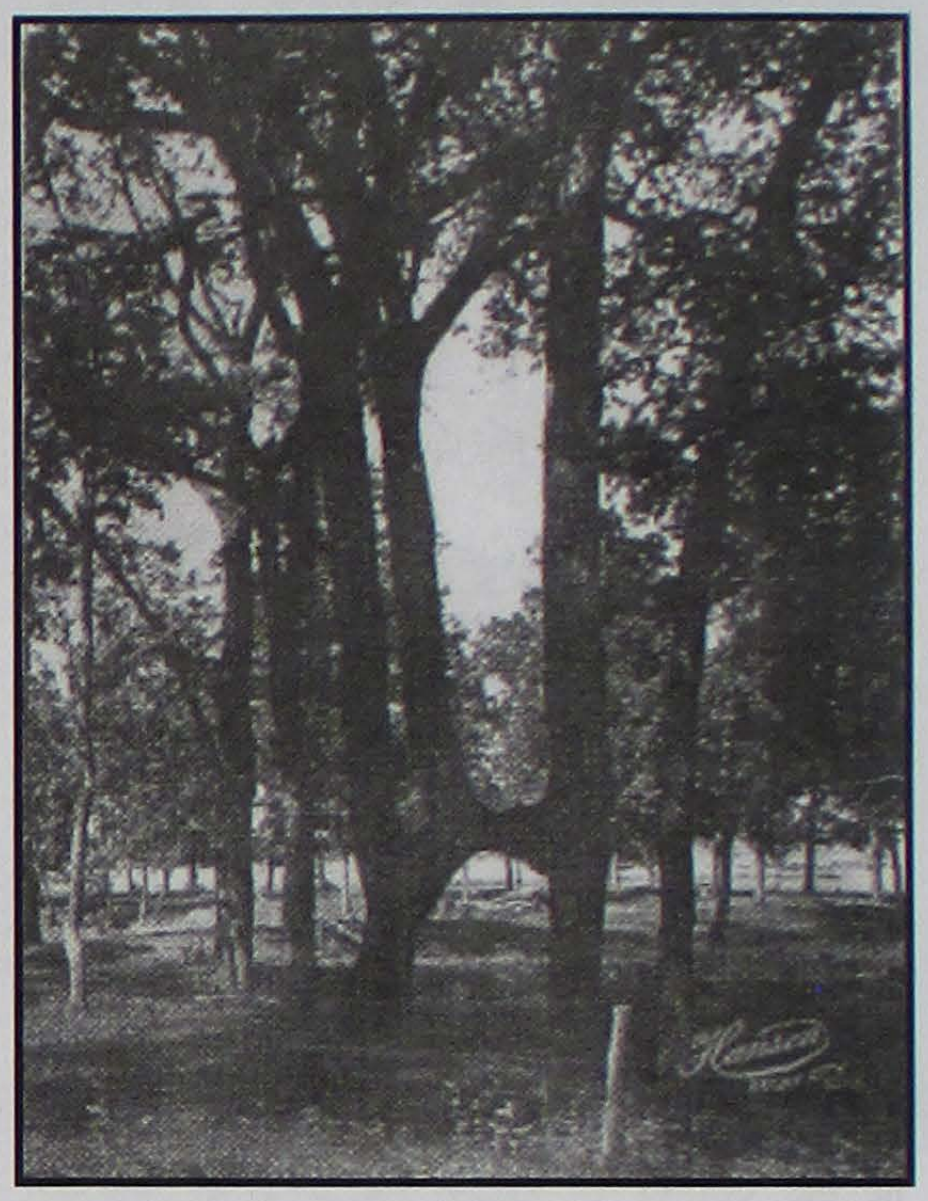
For more than twenty years there were two churches in Milford Twp. Pleasant Grove is well known but the other church, almost unknown today, is the Campbellite or Christian Church which stood in the very NW of Sec 18. It is on the earliest maps (not on Andreas) but disappears from the maps shortly after 1900. It apparently was in existance from circa 1880-1910. When the property was being sold in the twenties, it was found someone at the church had issued, or been issued, a nonvalid title of ownership and this caused some legal problems. On one map, it was listed as AME, but it is not believed to be affiliated with the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Wakefield Woods

Wakefield Woods is at the southeast corner of E-29 and Dayton Road in the northwest corner of Sec 19. Wakefield Woods is an approximately 10 acre plot of ground donated to the County by the Wakefield family in 1988. It was created at the same time as the reconstruction of the curve and intersection of Dayton Road and E-29.

The "H" Tree

This 1917 Hanson photo shows this uniquely shaped tree. Although not in Milford Twp., it was a landmark for the people of northwest Milford Twp.



This picture, from the First World War era, depicts the famous "H" tree in its prime. This landmark (in the very south central part of Sec 30- Howard Twp) is actually a mile north of the Milford Twp - Howard Twp border but it is so well known to the people of Milford Twp (particularly northwest Milford Twp) that it is included in our research of Milford Twp.

Local legends talk of this tree receiving help in attaining its shape from Indian lads tying two good branches of two different elms together. One is a red (slippery) elm and the other a white (American) elm. The resulting profile of two individual trees becoming one and producing yet a third was too much of a symbol to be missed and thus was created the legend of this beautiful area as an Indian wedding tree. Estimates are that the trees began their lives in the mid 1700s, long before the appearance of European man in the early 1850s in this area.

Some have stated that this is a "tree that moved an interstate" as I-35 now ventures to the east a half mile. That probably was not the case because the tree stood on the proposed flood plain and would have

eventually drowned anyway; however, it makes a good story.

For years in the 50's and 60's there had been talk, and it seemed as though it would come to pass, that there would be a large dam built north and east of Ames and the resulting reservoir would have backed water up enough at times to cover the golf course in Story City. (This would have also covered the flood plain upon which this tree stood and resulted in the death of this point of interest.) When the planning was being done for the interstate in the early 60's, the assumption was that the dam would be completed so the designers moved the interstate to the higher ground to the east to stay out of the flood basin. This caused the construction of a much higher, longer, and costlier bridge over Bear Creek but so be it. It also provided an accommodating location for two restroom facilities and a scenic overlook. Another factor that was considered was the discovery of the possibility of a high flow spring a "half" mile or so north and east of the "H" tree. The flow was estimated to be in the vicinity of 200 gpm and this would have posed a constant threat to the water table and the foundation of the highway.

The tree met its demise in the plague of Dutch Elm Disease of the 1960s and, for a while, efforts were made to retain the integrity of the shape but they too lost the battle of time and the entire shape has tumbled down. During one of these efforts the tops of the trees were cut off, perhaps 35-40 feet high, and when the saw man counted the rings, even at this height, there were more than 200. The remaining skeleton of the tree fell during a July windstorm in 1986.

There is another theory about how the tree fell following its death. Rather than the result of a windstorm, some saw evidence that the tree remnant was pulled down by vandals using a long chain and a four-wheel drive pickup.

Milford Twp on National TV

On 28 Nov 1999, on the CBS Sunday morning program, "Sunday Morning", Charles Osgood had some footage of "the wild turkeys of Milford Township, near Ames Iowa". It appeared to be the thick foliage in Sec 6 in the vicinity of the Pleasant Grove Church.

Ol' Milford Farmer say, "Clean white shirt attracts every bit of gravy at the table."

Dayton to Sell Summer Resort
1920

Dayton's Park, the popular summer resort a mile east and three miles north of Ames, owned by A. L. Dayton, is to be offered at auction to the highest bidder on Tuesday, August 31, according to an announcement made today by the owner. The auction is to take place at the park starting at 2:00 p. m.

"I expected to continue the business," Mr. Dayton said, "but other business matters have come up which necessitates my disposing of the park."

Mr. Dayton has expended over $30,000 in making Dayton's Park one of the best and most beautiful small parks in Iowa.

Six years ago this fall A. L. Dayton started work on the park. It has run to good business for five years and enjoys a splendid reputation. This summer numerous Ames picnic parties have been held there and there is every evidence that the park is growing in popularity.

Dayton's Park will close the season on August 31, the day of the sale. Those desiring to hold picnics there are advised to bear in mind that the time is short.

The park consists of 80 acres and the improvements consist of a good six-room house, garage, large ice house, barn and orchard, while park improvements include fine little lake, bath house with 150 lockers, boat house, engine house, ticket offices, large new concrete swimming pool 40x100 feet, a large dance pavilion with excellent floor, large ice cream parlor, good eating house, building for notions, band stand, ticket office and out buildings, together with seven good cottages, size 16x24, and five good wells.

Dayton's Park is lighted by electricity from Nevada, the equipment in the park belonging to the park.

The Dayton Park article on the previous page appeared on 20 August 1920 announcing the sale of the popular resort and recreation area located in the north half of the northeast quarter of Sec 24 in Franklin Twp. While this is technically not in Milford Twp, it was just across the road in Franklin Twp, southwest of the intersection of Dayton Rd (560th Ave) and E29 (190th St). Visitation declined throughout the 1930s and early 1940s as ease of transportation increased. Following the war, there were only occasional events at the dance hall, and around the time of the Korean War the place closed its doors for the last time.

The listing of the items at the park is very impressive and one of the things that catches the eye is in the last paragraph about a facility in Nevada supplying the electricity. This would mean that, at the time of the moving of the four or five one-room schools to the Sec 15 site; the movers would have had to contend with electric wires. Milford Consolidated School in Sec 15 did not receive public utility electricity until 1925.

An interesting footnote to the history of Dayton Park was that the remaining deteriorating structure of the dance pavilion burned to the ground on the night of the Milford 1956 Jr-Sr Prom. (Held at the airport in Des Moines 21 April 1956) It is reported that the light of the fire could be seen by the students of Milford Twp all the way home from Des Moines.

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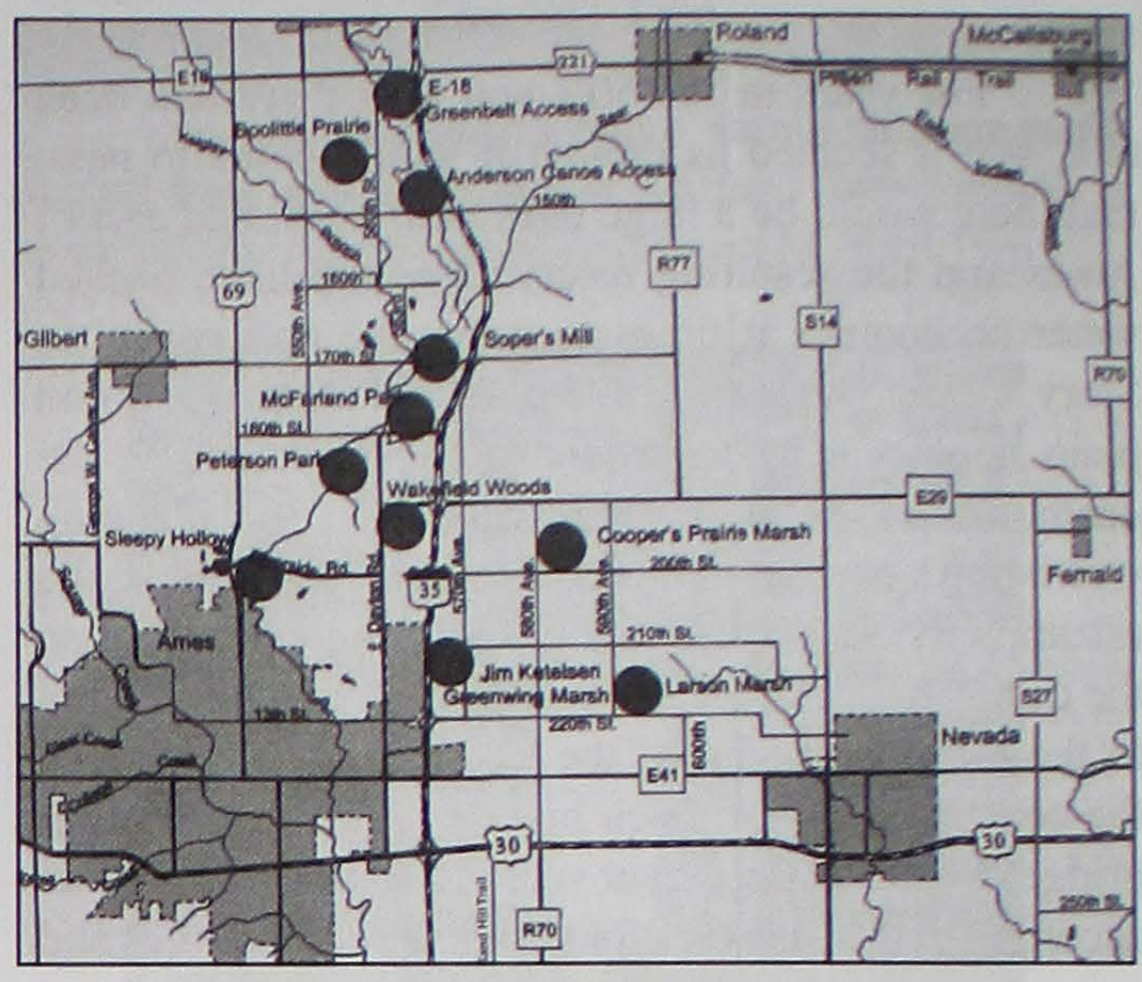
Marshes and Recreation Sites

Marshes and 3 Parks in Milford Twp
Dark Dot Identification on the Map:
North to South
Lekwa's Access Greenbelt
Doolittle's Prairie
Anderson' Canoe Access- "H" Tree Site
Soper's Mill
McFarland Park, 188 acres in Sec7.
Peterson Pit Park
Wakefield Woods Pk, 10 acres in Sec 19.
Cooper's Prairie Marsh, 10 acres - Sec 21.
Sleepy Hollow Access to Skunk River
Jim Ketelson Greenwing Marsh, 68 acres
in Sec 31.
Larson Marsh, 12 acres in Sec 34.

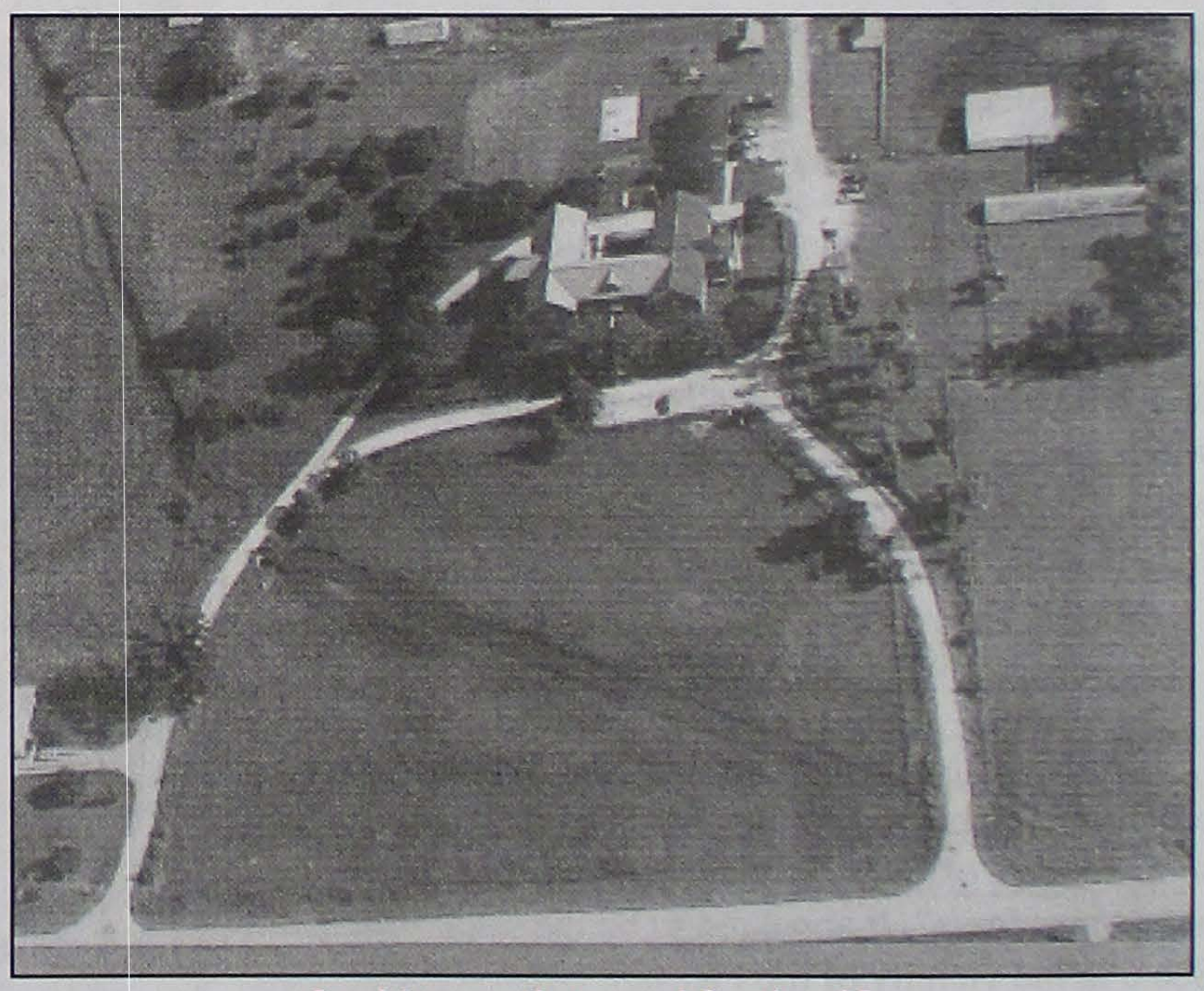
Marshes and Recreation Sites near Milford Twp



I35 through Milford Township

Identification of dots in lower left column. Many of the marshes and slews of the nineteenth century and earlier have been drained, some as recently as the 1960's, so that a time traveler from a hundred years ago would not recognize the landscape of Milford Township.

Story County Care Facility



Looking south toward Section 35.

An aerial view probably from the 1950's with the Knoll cemetery to the lower left and the many barns, cribs and other buildings just out of the picture at the top. The path going from the west road to the upper left corner of the picture is a waterway.

Story County Care Facility

In southeast Milford Township, in the northern half of Sec 35, on top of a slight rise, there exists what remains of the Story County Care Facility. Set back from the road perhaps a hundred yards and at the furthest south portion of a semi-circle road stood a massive three story dusk colored brick chateau-like building with a lawn filled with stately elms and oaks. A goodly number of outbuildings, a big double corn crib, barns and sheds with the accompanying gravel drives, completed the setting. Also, down the slope and across a shallow drainage ditch to the northeast is the Knoll's Cemetery, one of three still recognized cemeteries in Milford Township. Many of the graves in Knoll's Cemetery are sadly unmarked. And down the road to the east just a half mile- on the northeast corner of that intersection stood the one room School Number 7. Now a lone pine tree and an old style concrete corner-post mark the vacant site. This location (school) is a quarter mile east of the start (or ending) of the diagonal road that ran to the northwest. This road is shown on the 1875 map on page 5.

This Story County Care Facility had its start in 1869 with the construction of a 15 person home on a smaller parcel of land and was known for decades as the Story County Poor Farm. By 1875 the farm had accumulated all the land (320 acres) in the northern half of Sec 35. It was, for years, a fully working farm and quite adequately self maintaining.

In mid Feb of 1917 the main dormitory house of the county home burned to the ground. The fire started upstairs in the residence of the steward, Mr. and Mrs McNew, and by the time of discovery was beyond control so effort was concentrated on getting the ten inmates to safety and then a small amount of the furniture was saved. "They, (the inmates) were mostly old people". At the time there was a high wind blowing and luckily, the flames were not blowing toward any of the other buildings. The building was of frame construction and was two stories high. The loss was estimated to be $5000 with only a $2100 value on the insurance. The McNews lived upstairs and the inmates on the lower floor. The board of supervisors voted to construct a new, much larger, brick structure.

The impressive building that most people remember as the main residential hall had been constructed in 1918 with room for 120 people. It was torn down in 2002 after the surrounding land had been sold in 1992. At the closing of the main building in 1990 the SCCF encompassed 320 acres.

This area, with a few remaining buildings, is now used as a storage zone for the Story County Conservation and Dept. of Secondary Roads.

As a matter of interest- Mr Earl A McCord, who was the steward at the Home and Hospital beginning in July of 1935, was killed in a car crash seven miles south of Iowa Falls on the 14th of April of 1947. Mrs McCord, who also was in the car, was not seriously injured but was brought by ambulance to her home at the Story Co Home. Of the new facility built in 1918, Mr McCord was but one of six directors. First were the Mc News, Erslands and the McCords. Following McCord's death, Mr & Mrs Irwin and Alma Grindem were in charge and when they retired the Don Andersons, and then Larry Rohret.

An article in the Nevada paper in early Sept 1931 announced that an open house was to be observed at the Story County Home and Infirmary and the public was welcome to attend on Sunday 6 September. Visitors will be shown through the various parts of the modern home, through the yards and work areas, large kitchen, laundry room, vegetable cellar, refrigeration plant and other interesting parts in the basement.

In the field this year are 150 acres of exceptionally good corn, including the tract on which the state husking contest will be held. Several acres of oats were harvested and the balance of the acreage is in grass.

There is a garden of approximately 5 acres which furnishes a large portion of the vegetables consumed by the large number of people kept in the home. Over 1000 quarts of vegetables and fruits have already been canned for the garden.

In the nearly 200 head of hogs on the farm there are 168 spring shoats that will average 175 pounds.

A dozen dairy cows are milked on the farm to provide milk for the table and cooking and there are 32 head of yearlings on feed in the yards. Included in the 375 chickens on the farm are 185 White Rock pullets that Mr. Ersland bought early in the season and from which he is already gathering six dozen eggs daily.

The work on the farm is done by 11 head of work horses and mares, and one pair of colts is being raised.

Mr and Mrs Ersland are assisted on the farm by a house man and woman as well as an outside man, a cook and one other woman.

The balance of the work on the farm and garden, as well as caring for the house and grounds is done by the inmates, part of them the incurable insane. A visit to this splendidly equipped and well kept institution will be a revelation to many people of the county who have no knowledge of how the unfortunates are cared for

For more about this facility, see Irene Hodgson's article about the closing of this facility in the Potpourri Chapter-pg 250.

Living at the STORY COUNTY HOME

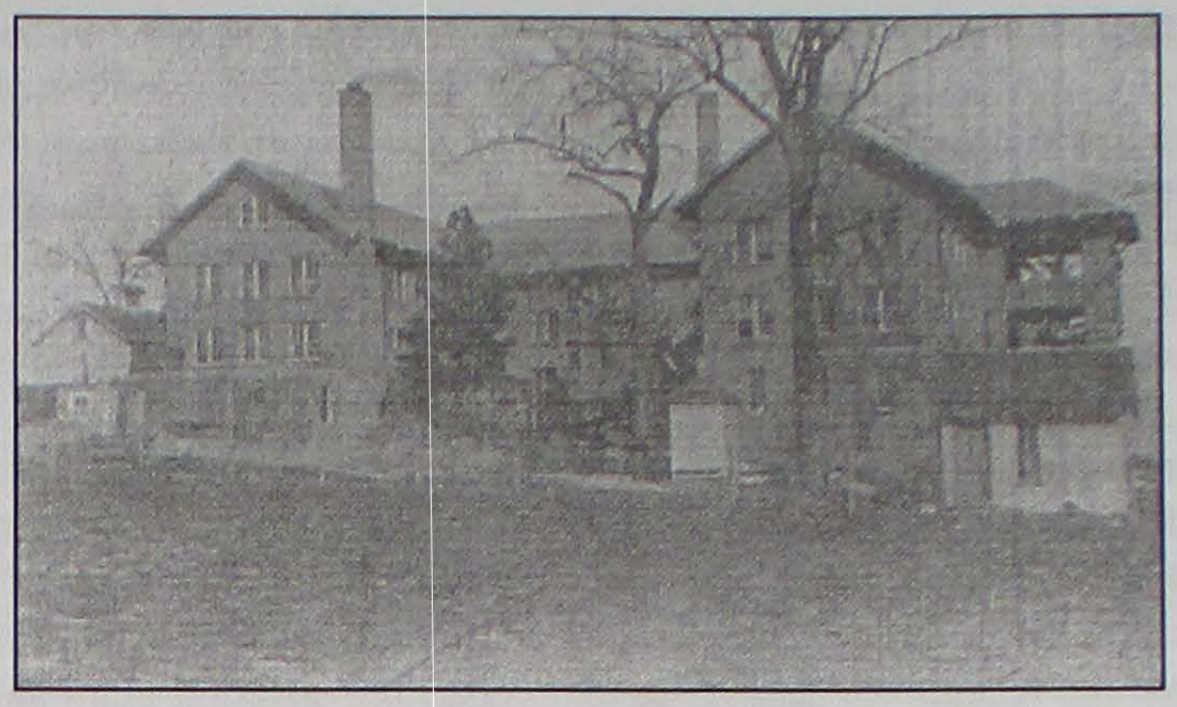
By Alice Grindem ('52) Petersen

Alice Grindem lived at the care facility with her parents and younger brother for a period of about six years when her folks were the care providers and

administrative supervisors.

"I first went to live in the Story County Home the summer I finished the 6th grade. My parents, Irwin and Alma Grindem, became Steward and Matron of the County Home in April or May because the former couple had a car accident and the man was killed.

My brother, John, was just 4 years old and I was twelve. My parents, John, and I lived on the central part of the first floor. The patients lived on both ends of the building which was "U" shaped.



"Behind" the new County Home facility, probably in the spring of 1919, looking to the north-northwest shortly after construction.

The men were on one side and the women were on the other. The top floor housed the patients that were diagnosed as "insane" or mentally ill, and the lower level had the paupers and indigent.

We had several employees that were residents there and lived on the 2nd floor above us. We had a ward woman, ward man, night man and outside farm worker. We all ate together in the basement dining hall off the kitchen.

When we went there the building was in very poor condition. The roof leaked onto the second floor where the men slept. My parents went to work immediately with repairs and decorating improvements. The patients were engaged in the improvements and given more self esteem. Several of the men were able to do the painting. The concrete floors were finished with vinyl tiles that were immaculately polished and buffed by the patients. Relatives were encouraged to buy new chairs or loungers for their family member so they couldn't have to sit on the wooden benches. When the decorating was finished the central living rooms on each floor looked like "Home" and was much more inviting and comfortable. The doors between the first and second floors were unlocked during the daylight hours and seldom did anyone stray from "home". Before my parents arrival the patients were always trying, and succeeding, to break away from the "place".

The male patients worked the farm. We had cows, cattle, pigs, chickens, a garden and an orchard with apple trees. The home was self sufficient in furnishing beef, pork, chicken and eggs for all who lived and ate there. The patients ate as well or better than most people. The main cook was a woman from the mentally ill ward who baked the best pies(!!), cooked the best roasts, etc. We ate the very same food the patients got and nothing more!!! We had big ovens and had fresh baked bread 2-3 times a week!!! The women patients worked the kitchen and we had no outside help for that. We had homemade grape jelly, fresh apple and rhubarb pies and great cream pies with meringue. And that Iowa corn on the cob was to die for. Oh, what memories!

My Dad once told that they reimbursed the county $20,000 with profits from the farm. This was done after caring and feeding approx 100 patients! This family of people of unfortunate circumstances worked very well together taking care of one another and taking pride in maintaining their "home".

The patients did the laundry every Mon, Wed, & Fri. The best ironer was a woman patient from the mentally ill floor. She ironed those cotton dresses for the women to perfection. Everyone always looked their best.

Every Thursday they could order what they wanted from the drug store in town. A list was made and the money was taken from their little accounts that they had locked up in the office. I would often do the shopping, Looking for horehound candy, snuff, stationery, etc. The list was endless with little extras that meant so much to the patients.

My Mother was always at the bedside of any dying patient. She would stay up all night by their bedside if she thought their time was coming. She was a Saint to many of the patients and the Mongoloid patients called her "Mom". The doctor would come out once a week and see the patients needing attention and prescribe for them. Mother scheduled for church services at least once a month from whoever she could get to come out from town and provide the program. It was held in our living room/dining room. Folding chairs were set up for whoever wanted to attend.

At Christmas time she found organizations that wanted to give gifts to the patients. She made out lists of things that each patient might enjoy getting. They would come out and give Christmas programs to the patients.

We would get patients from the state institutions that they considered safe but were now just on maintenance programs, and not receiving any special therapy and they could do no more for them.

I had a Halloween party in the upstairs attic one year. I thought that was very unique.

I left the home after graduating from Milford Twp School in 1952. My brother lived there until he graduated in 1960. My parents retired in 1966.

When I went back to see the place several years ago it was no longer in existence. The weeds and trees had overgrown it and the windows were broken. It was a ghost to my memories of the love and caring that went into that place when my parents were there."

Directors at the New Story County Home:
Mr and Mrs McNew 1918- ?
Mr and Mrs J.C. Ersland ?-1935
Esther '35 JaVerne (Mrs Orval Kalsem)
Robert '43 Veda (Mrs Rodney Sutter)
Robert (an earlier son, died at 12)
(JaVerne, Veda graduated at Slater)
Mr and Mrs Earl A. McCord July 1935-April 1947
Betty '36
James '39
Mr and Mrs Irwin (Alma) Grindem April 1947-1966
Alice '52
John '60
Don and Dorothy Anderson
Larry Rohret

Tornado

It was reported that in about 1939 a tornado took a large portion of the roof from the County Home and damaged the Stevenson home across the road. Also, in the spring of, probably, '43 a tornado completely destroyed a house that sat on the east side of S-14 about a mile and a half south of E-29. The twister had come out of Milford Twp, traveling east southeast, and had the remains and contents of the house spread out into the field to the east south east for a hundred yards or more. Someone either brought to School a barn board with a piece of straw that had been driven through it by the force of the wind or they talked about it in "Show and Tell". Neither of these tornadoes could be found in the Nevada Newspapers. There was also a tornado north of Milford School in Sec 15 in 1926.

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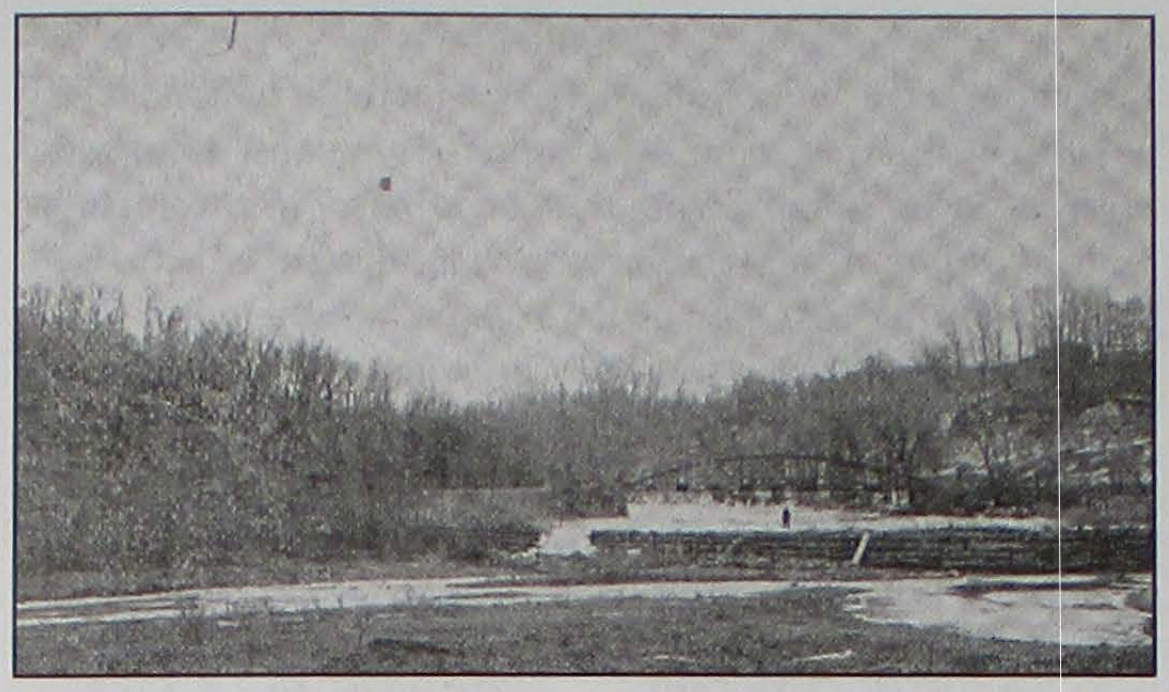
1880 Era-- Soper's Mill

First of four scenic pictures from the Ames Historical Society: This fantastic early spring shot, looking to the southeast, locks in time the appearance of the Soper's Mill area in probably the late 1880's to mid 1890's. The dam has apparently been rebuilt, which was done in about 1884. A different source says 1894 or '95. It's interesting to look at the buildings that dot the landscape in the background. On top of the hill at the right, appear to be two houses. Note that in this scene the Mill House stood on the northeast side of the small ravine, while in later pictures of the barn taken in the mid thirties, the barn is on the southwest side of the ravine.

Located in the northeast portion of the northwest quarter of Sec 7 of Milford Township, this once very well known Soper's Mill area was first constructed on the South Skunk River in 1856-57 by the Thomas Hughes family. In a complicated transaction with a skilled carpenter, JJ Coon, Hughes "swapped" 169 acres of land just northeast of Gilbert, which didn't exist in those days, for 169 days of labor. As Coon was a very skilled carpenter, he probably instructed, as foreman, a crew of men which included Hughes's sons and nephews. This sawmill was used to saw lumber that had been floated down the river. Almost unbelievable now in the 20-21st century, this mill cut up many stately oaks and walnut trees for railroad ties



This photo was used in an 1898 Geological Report of the area, and for a lack of a better term, this was referred to as "Skunk River Gorge".

which were carried by ox team wagon to the railroad head. This rail head was at times as far away as 75 to 100 miles. This mill was at times referred to as "Milford Mill". After the older boys of Thomas R. Hughes left to participate in the Civil War, they rarely came back to Iowa. Hughes sold the mill, which apparently had been somewhat modified to permit some grain milling, to Soper in 1866 and as the availability of logs decreased it was modified into only a grist mill for flour. Coon's biography says this mill was the first sawmill in the county.

By 1869, a brief newspaper article said the Mill had been constructed to contain only the "two runs of burrs" for the grinding of grain.

In 1896 there appeared an article in the Roland Paper asking the academic question as to why the law wasn't being followed in the case of the Milford Mills dam. There wasn't a fish ladder that permitted fish to migrate up the river and hundreds of good sized fish were being removed from the river by "any means", including seines, sharp sticks, etc. The article lamented the fact that the fishing was nonexistent above the dam.

By 1896 the river flow was just beginning to recover from the drought of previous years, particularly 1895 when the river was at record low flow. In the Summer of 1896 there is an article in the Nevada Paper which reads-- "The jolliest picnic crowd yet was on Saturday last at the mill. It consisted of the McCallsburg Sunday school, and the leading feature of the program was the ladies' march up and down the middle of the river, which was greatly enjoyed by the male portion of the school, especially the part where the ladies jumped over the crawfish. Howard Reid and Ward Hamilton carried off the honors of the shooting match and Carl Anderson was obliged to go one half mile after a can of water"

TR Hughes, builder of the mill that was to become Soper's Mill. He and S Eagleberger were elected J.P.s in the 1862 election and S Rich and SW Brouhard were elected Constables.

Only by the most careful observation at the current time can one find any evidence of the dam's existence. The current road crosses the river at the site of the mill and the original house on the hillside is long gone.

The reconstructed Soper's Mill Dam serves also as a prop for this group of unidentified "vacationers" in circa 1895. For an enlargement of portions of this picture see page 305.

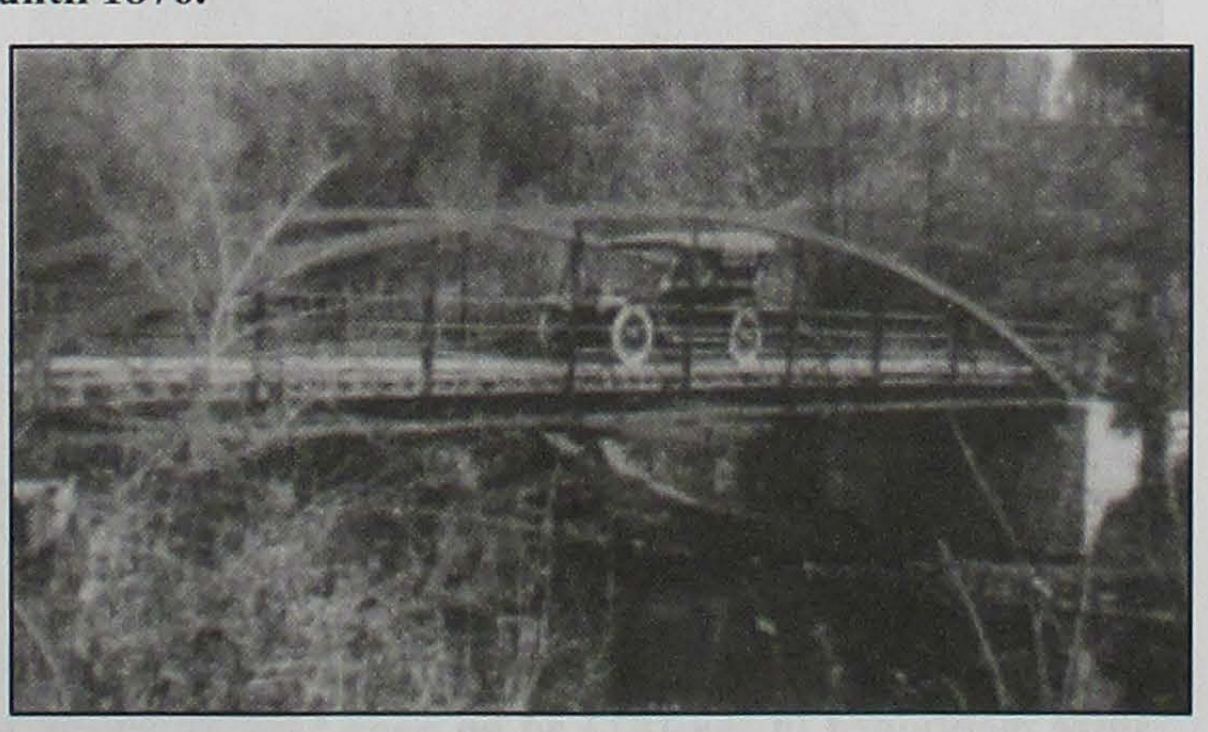
Added to the National Register of Historical Places in March of 1978.

By that time the original plague from the bridge had been stolen.

Above: It would be very difficult to put a date of origin on this beautiful artistic print. It could be almost anytime between the late 1890's and WWII. The River is low indicating the Mill Dam is gone but the planking on the bridge is in very good condition indicating that the bridge is still in use or has just been closed for a short time. On the other hand, the position of the camera could be on the new bridge which was built in 1938 or '39. Soper's Mill Bridge was built in the summer of 1876, probably at a cost of about $1500.00 and washed out during the flood on 17 June 1996. Actually, this photo is from Farwell Brown collection and taken from the new bridge in the fall of 1951.

It could be said this bridge had its origin in the June 1867 meeting of the Story County Board of Supervisors meeting when they allotted $500 for the construction of a bridge across the Skunk River at Soper's Mill. This allocation had an unusual stipulation in that the "citizens" would have to, by "meaningful pledges", raise an equal amount. Of the four or five projects approved that meeting, this was the only bridge project which contained that provision. Apparently, this demand fell short as a couple years later the Board approved $1000 for the construction of a bridge at Soper's Mill and final construction of the bridge wasn't until 1876.

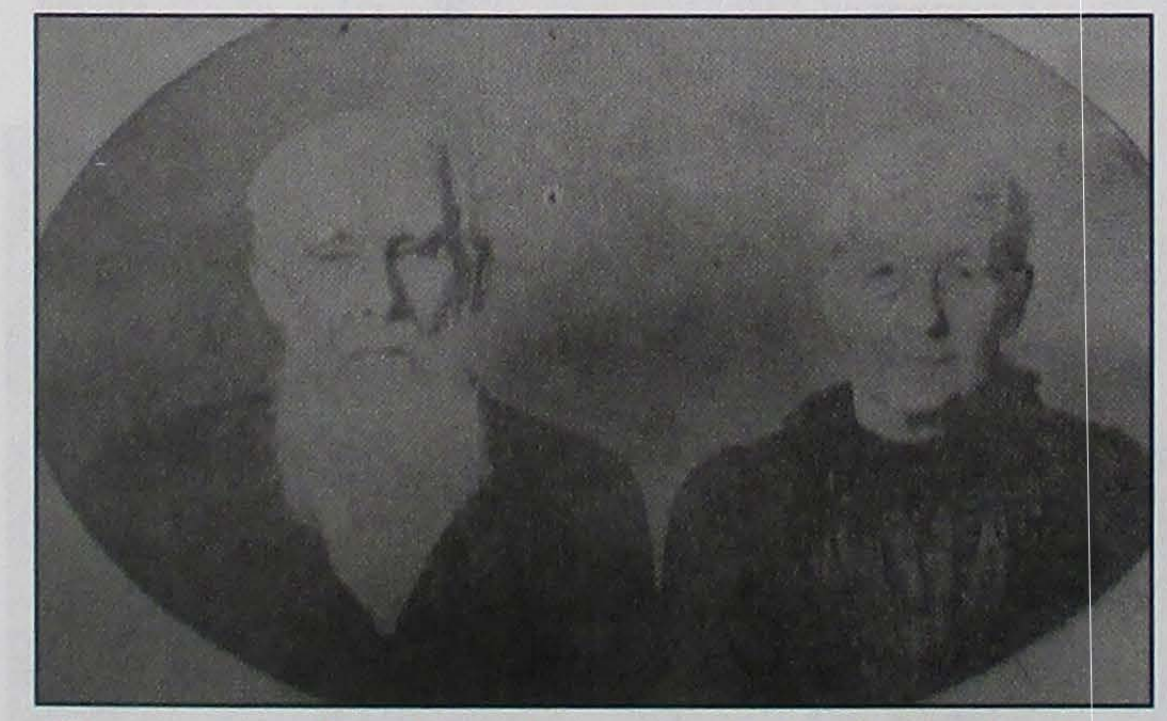
Right: Out for a beautiful Sunday drive with a beautiful car in 1914 on a beautiful bridge. Farwell Brown collection. Notice the footpath going under the bridge



Opposite: Another fantastic shot of the Mill Dam, probably in the mid 1890's. Reports are that the dam was rebuilt in 1894 or'95. Ames Historical Society hasn't been able to pinpoint it more accurately. When the picture is greatly enlarged, the grooves on the bark of the logs of the Dam become very discernible. Attempts to identify any of the thirty or so people have proven unsuccessful. Note the protection for the sluice and water wheel on the far right of the picture. For some enlargements of this photo, see page 305.

Peaceful Picturesque Scenes in Milford Twp from the Thirties

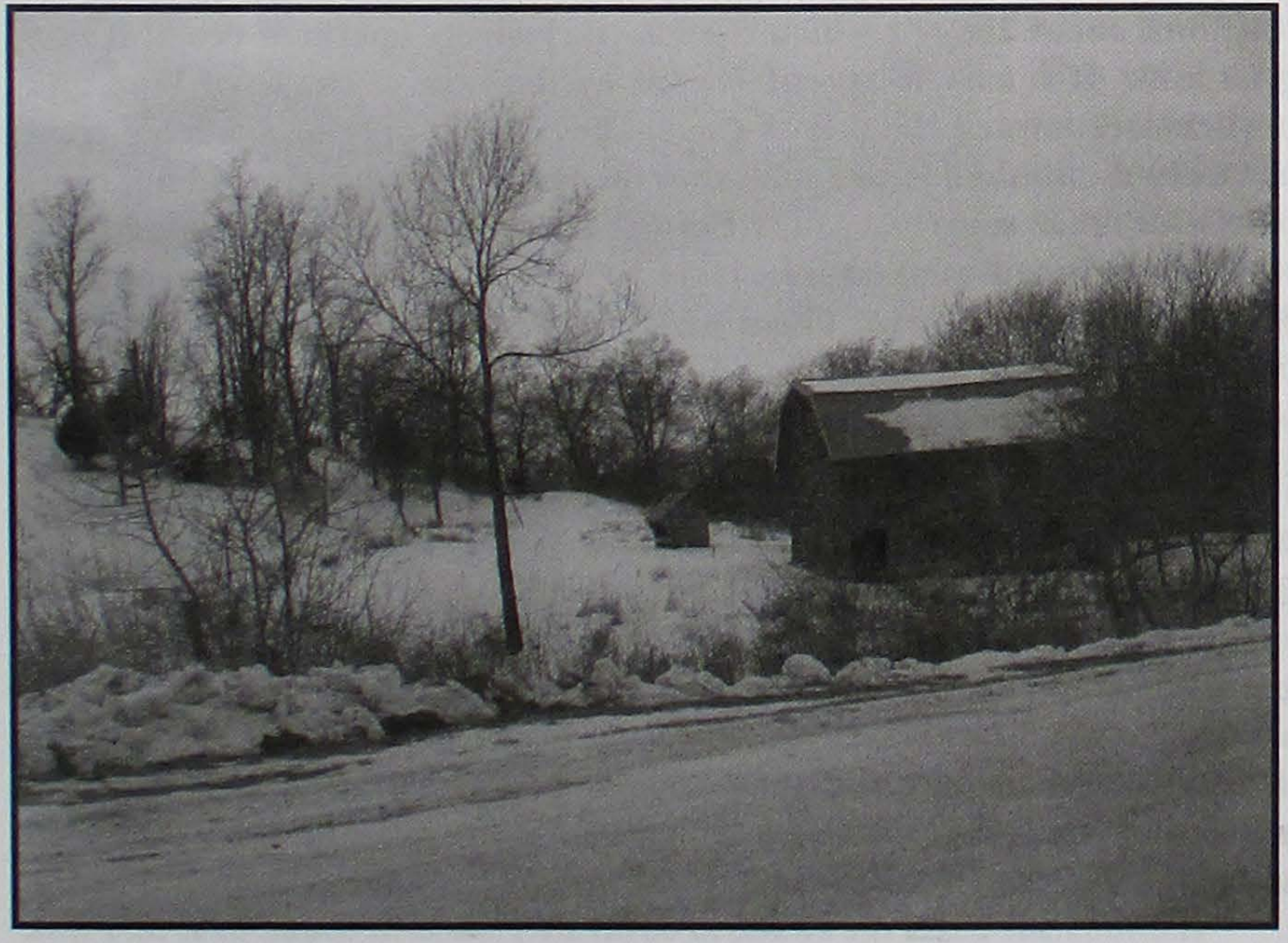
This beautiful shot taken from the northwest side of the South Skunk River, probably in 1932, very distinctly shows the gravel road coming down the hill (on the left) from the Pleasant Grove Area and preparing to cross the River on the old 1876 bridge. Also, the road that paralleled the River on the east bank that took one down to a ford of the River is very visible to the right of the barn. Most of the Mill Dam had been washed out around the time of the First World War and in this shot none of the Dam is visible, but its remains may be just out view to the right.



The Ammon Hipshires in about 1907. He is the Hipshire mentioned in the 1877 ad on page 54 that was at the mill with Eagleberger. The Eaglebergers were in Milford Township (then Franklin) by 1853.

This view of the Soper's Mill barn is taken from almost the same spot as the one on the lower portion of the opposite page. What a difference six months makes.

Above and Left: From the Iowa Historical Society: These two snapshots from the early thirties, illustrate the area following the removal of the mill away from the river, but before the construction of the new bridge. The photographer for the picture above must be standing about where the approach to the new bridge would later be placed. Note the barn is now on the southwest side of the ravine as the new approach to the bridge would take most of the land to the northeast of the ravine. Perhaps, for the sake of the barn, it's lucky that when it was moved in the early twentieth century, it was moved to the southwest of the ravine. The story is that all the horses and oxen from miles around were used to pull the mill "up the hill" and put it in place. Note the lightening rod in place on the NW end of the barn.



This wintery 2007 scene is the remodeled barn and looking to the south with the grade of an old road going over the nose of the hill. At the top of the hill and just to the left is a depression in the ground where, Max Arrasmith thought, there had been a dugout home from one of the earliest homesteaders. He thought that perhaps it may have been where TR Hughes lived when he originally came out to Iowa, however, while it is true that his family lived in a dugout for at least a year, family history says it had a southerly facing door and they used a blanket for a door. Indians used to simply push the blanket aside and come in and Great Great Grandma Hughes would usually give them some bread or whatever was handy and they'd go on their way.

Above: This ad for Milford Mills, with Hipsher and Eagleberger as proprietors, ran in the April 1877 Nevada Paper-- ***Milford Mills! Ten miles northwest of Nevada. We are Prepared to do Custom Work in a Satisfactory Manner. Wheat, Buck wheat, Corn, Oats and Barley ground on short notice. HIPSHER & EAGLEBERGER.***

In 1880 Iowa had 713 flour and grist mills and 328 sawmills, most of these mills powered by water.

1877 Milford Mills Ad

Milford Mills This ad appeared in the Nevada paper in the spring of 1877 when Soper's Mill was, for a matter of a few years, referred to as Milford Mills. It is interesting to compare this ad with an ad that appeared at the same time concerning a farm for sale "within 40 rods of Soper's Grist Mill". The Sopers would have owned the Mill at this time so it would appear that Hipsher and Eagleberger would be leasing it from the Sopers. It would seem the two names might be interchangeable in usage. Also, about this time, both in Story City (1880) and Nevada, there were constructed steam operated grist mills. It is reported that Hannan's Mill, about three miles north of Ames on the Skunk River, installed a steam operated grist facility about this time. This put a level of economic pressure on the Soper's Mill that when the droughts of the 1890's (and particularly the one of '94 and '95) caused the rivers (not only the South Skunk but all the rivers of central Iowa**) to literally quit flowing, Soper's Mill was unable to get started again. Water powered grist mills gradually became an obsolete (though practical) method of milling grain. Furthermore, following the installation of miles and miles of tile and open-drainage ditches,

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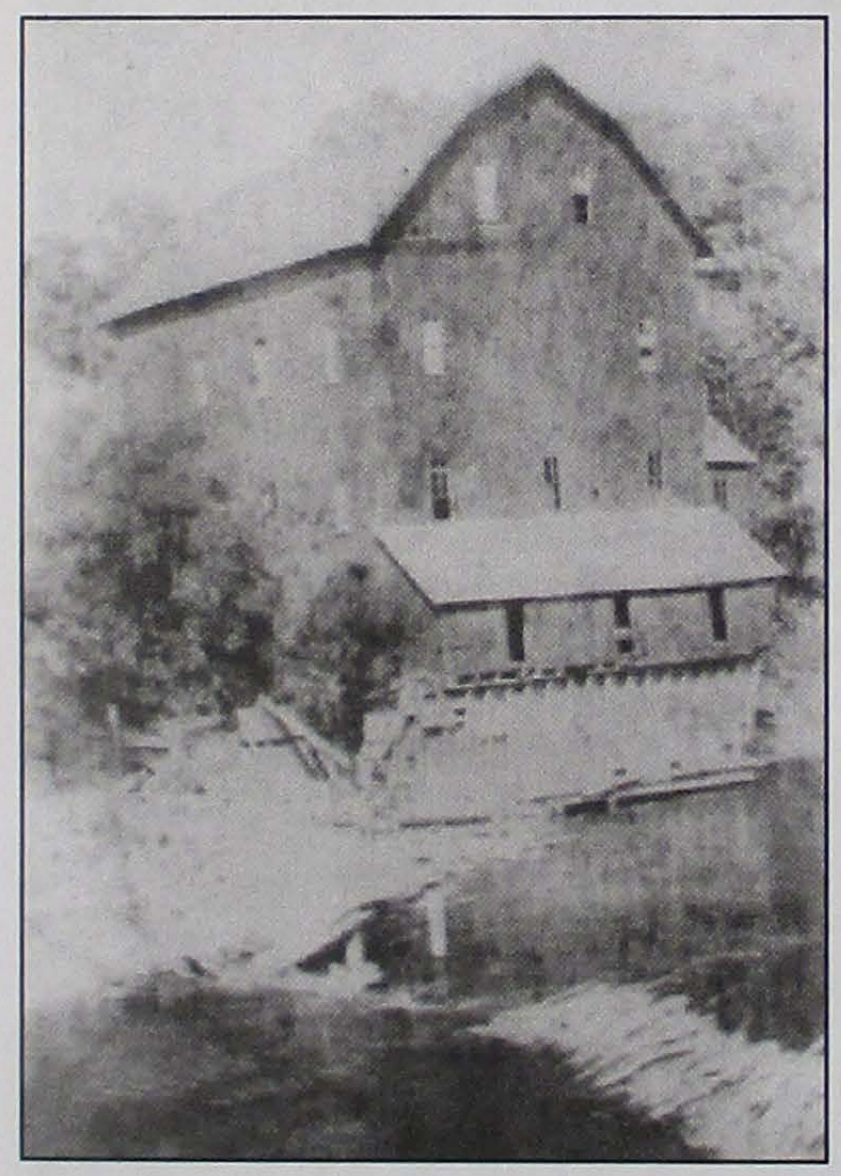

Above: ERRONEOUS IDENTIFICATION: This well known picture has incorrectly been identified as Soper's Mill north of Ames, Iowa, in the 1880's. It is, in fact, Stanley Mills located just to the west of Albion, Iowa, on the Iowa River to the northwest of Marshalltown. This mill was built by Abram Stanley in about 1876 and could grind about 150 bushel a day on three runs of stone. It fell into disuse prior to the First World War, so the date on the photo is probably about 1915.

A Little Early History of "The Mill". Evidence exists in the biography of one of Thomas R. Hughes' children that Hughes did, in fact, grind some flour at the Mill during his ownership of the Mill from 1856-1866. Reference is made to the many Indians who still roamed the area and how T.R. Hughes befriended the Indians and "gave them many bags" of flour ground at his Mill. Also, in Lydia Agnes Dodds' obituary, when talking of her Father, TR Hughes, it says he "erected the first sawmill on the banks of the river and later made a grist mill". Conflicting reports state that the Mill operated as a sawmill for approximately fifteen years, another report says that Soper, immediately upon his purchase of the mill in 1866 put in grist stones. Perhaps Hughes, sometime during his ownership, did some modification that permitted both sawmill operation and grain grinding and Soper continued this until about 1869 at which time he exclusively operated the Mill as a grist mill. It is easy to speculate that by the time of the Civil War, and particularly toward the end of the conflict, the supply of available trees had been diminished to the point that the lumber being cut could not compete with other sources. Many ties for the railroad had been made and when the railroad went on west from Nevada after 1864, the ties could be obtained from elsewhere. There had been stories of farmers of the area taking grain to be ground 30 to 50 miles so the transition to exclusive grist mill operation can be understood.

Right: Soper's Mill millstone, located at McFarland Park in the south of Sec 7. This location would be but a mile from where the stone did its work grinding the grain of the area's farmers.

the river did not retain as "even flow" as it had experienced before this time. The excess water arrived at the river quicker and did not remain on the prairie as it had formerly. This caused less water to be left in the slews, marshes, and ponds to percolate through the soil to maintain a more uniform river flow.

Notice in the ad that of the five crops mentioned, three are no longer grown in our area and the fourth, oats, is getting to be quite rare.

**Iowa's "Great Lakes" reached record lows that summer that have never been matched.

Ownership History of Soper's Mill

In the Fall of 1855 Thomas Rinehart, (T.R.) Hughes bought the land where he constructed the Mill from John Morgan who had a 6 Dec 1853 patent on it. Hughes built the mill, probably starting in the spring of 1856, and used it as a saw mill and reportedly it was used in that capacity for 15 years. Hughes sold it to TK Soper in June of 1866. Soper sold it to Alznia Soper in Jan of 1883. In March of 1886 she sold it to James and Charles Keeney. Charles Keeney sold his interest to James Keeney in Sept of 1887 and James Keeney sold the mill to MW Templeton in April of 1889, and Templeton sold to Swearingen in Aug of 1896 with possession in March 1897. It was Swearingen who moved the Mill building back from the River in about 1907.

The millers information is much more tentative: Mill was run by Mr Yelton, apparently working for Soper, for nine years and he was the first miller. One report says Soper ran the mill as a saw mill for about 5 years and a different report says he immediately, in 1866, put in the burrs for grinding grain. The Mill produced a flour call "Soper's Superlative". Hipsher and Eagleberger operated the mill from about 1871-1882. In spring of 1882, Jim Noble took over until about 1896.

Circa 1894 or 1895: Dam was reconstructed

1895 River flow stayed too low for operation.

1896 P.J. Swearingen took over ownership from Templeton and Swearingen was, reportedly, a first class miller.

Circa 1905: The mill dam gave way.

Circa 1907: Barn moved back from the riverfront by Swearingen reportedly using "every" mule, horse and ox in the neighborhood.

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This mid-thirties snapshot of Pleasant Grove Church, built in 1874, shows the Church waiting patiently for the next event in its long history. That looks like a Model "A" Ford in the picture. The new fence, visible in the lower photo, was constructed in 2004.

This slightly different view of Pleasant Grove Church was taken on a cold winter's day in 2007. There is a legend that three of these trees at the southwest corner were planted as a memorial to a little girl who was killed in a stagecoach incident nearby. Also, in the legend category, is another that there is a small child buried to the immediate east of the south end of the Church and a tree was planted there as a Memorial to this youngster. This child was the youngster of some people who were migrating through the area on the stagecoach road and just happened to die when the family was in the vicinity, or so the legend says. Perhaps, there may be some truth in the stories but, on the other hand, maybe they are the same story modified over the years by repeated telling.

Soper's Mill and the Railroad

When originally built, Soper's Mill was used a saw mill and during the construction of the railroad, cut up lumber (lots of walnut and oak) to be used as railroad ties for the railroad. These railroad ties were hauled to Iowa City and points in between by wagon to be used in the construction of the railroad which ended at Iowa City at the time. In May of 1862 daily Railroad service was available between the terminus, Otter Creek (Chelsea, Iowa), and Chicago with the trip taking 20 hours- leave Otter Creek at 10 AM and get to Chicago at 6 AM the next morning; return- 9:45 PM and into Otter Creek at 4:45 PM the next afternoon on the "Cedar Rapids and Missouri River" and the "Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska" Railroads. (Later to become the Chicago Northwestern) The Rail Road got to Nevada in 1864. T.R. Hughes had three nephews with him when he came to Iowa in 1856 and when the boys left to participate in the War and then did not return, T.R., age 53, lost much of his enthusiasm for ownership of the mill and sold it to Soper in 1866. (All three nephews survived the conflict)

Pleasant Grove Community Church
A Brief History
by a Pleasant Grove Committee

Church services were held as early as 1856 in the little red school house east of the present church which was serviced by circuit riding preachers. It was decided in 1873 that a church should be built. Fifty community families agreed to take on this task.

An easement to the land the church is on was purchased by the church trustees from Thomas R. and Eleanor Hughes for $25.00. As a result of many long hours of labor by these early pioneers the present church became a fact.

The new church was to become also known as "The Little White Church in the Oaks". Records show that the first preacher of the new church was Rev Artemus Brown. Other early ministers of the church were Rev A. M. Harnard and Rev M. T. Butterfield, who later returned to the church to take part in several homecoming programs.

In those days the church was the center of many of the community's activities. Activities included ice cream socials, bob sleigh rides, and a play "Cranberry Corners" to raise money for a new pulpit. The choir was reported to be very good. Many speakers would come for an evening at the church and an old time revival meetings were held lasting for two weeks. From 1911 to at least 1921, a neighborhood social group met for evenings together and was known as the Pleasant Grove Country Club . In 1914 the Pleasant Grove Orchestra was organized and played both for the church and the social club. An Epworth League for the youth was in place for at least twenty years and they typically met on Sunday evenings.

The church was very active until the First World War. Then it was closed for a period of seven years. It was opened again in July of 1925 as reported by Mrs. Geo. R. Sowers, secretary. "Having been without services of any kind at Pleasant Grove since the epidemic of Flu in the year of 1918, when so many of our boys left for Service in the Worlds War, it was decided to try and organize a Sunday School. ..." During the 1920's those with past memories of the church formed an organization known as the Homecoming Association. Their first meeting was in 1927. This group met once a year for 15 years. Friends of Pleasant Grove Church would return to gather for all day meetings and past ministers of the church were asked to return to the church to speak. The church closed again in 1933.

In 1939 the people of the community again opened the Church with the help of Rev C. E. Lookinbill. The people collected money and pledges of labor to reclaim the original appearance of the church. With much faith and determination these folks came early and stayed late and worked hard. In one day the church had a new outside coat of paint, the inside was cleaned and the woodwork and pews were painted. Other necessary repairs were made during this time including the digging of the basement which was done by hand in the summer of 1940. Electricity was installed September 5, 1941.

A rededication service was held and the church was back in service again. Not only people came to church. In 1944 Edna Hughes, who enjoyed wielding her mighty 4-10 shotgun around, and was always looking for an appropriate opportunity to use it, shot a ground hog in the basement and another time George Roberts, who lived much closer to the Church than did Edna, shot a skunk in the building. (One can almost imagine them, each racing to their homes to get their valuable, beloved firearms to protect the parishioners from the predator animals.) Various other animals showed up through the years such as a squirrel and snakes. The church continued until the middle fifties when Rev Lookinbill's health was failing. No other minister could be found so the Church was again closed. It was reopened in 1960 with Rev Hector Thompson as minister and has continued until the present. Improvements have been made in the church in the years since but this was always done with the thought of keeping the original charm of the "old country church".

On Sunday, 25 Oct 1942, the last note of indebtedness on the Church was ceremonially burned at 2 PM in an all day service which started at 10:00 AM. A basket dinner was held at noon followed by a musical program and a speech by W.S. Rupe from the Ames Tribune.

Pleasant Grove Cemetery History
See appendix

Four years after the establishment of the Pleasant Grove Church, an adjacent plot of land was purchased (1877 or '78) from Thomas R. and Eleanor Hughes for a graveyard. The lots were sold to the members and neighbors. Some loved ones were moved from their family farm graves to the new cemetery. Hughes had one of his daughters, who had died in 1867 and been buried down the South Skunk River in the cemetery in the middle of Sec 13 of Franklin Township, relocated to the new Pleasant Grove Cemetery and it has been written that this stone is the earliest one in the Cemetery. That is how this stone and perhaps others predate the actual founding of Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Many of the original families that settled the area and their descendants now rest at Pleasant Grove. The hard life and the lack of medical care of those early years are seen on the markers. The Spencer family lost three sons in less than two weeks to an outbreak of diphtheria in 1883. Out of nearly 150 graves, sixty are children of less than 18 years; at least half of those sixty were infants.

In May of 1909, some tile were put in place by Elmer Brown to drain the east side of the cemetery.

In 1933 when the church had closed again, many of the descendants of the original members were concerned for the care and upkeep of the cemetery. By 1939 they had taken it upon themselves to be sure that the grass would be mowed, the stones repaired, and oversee the ownership of the plots. Charles R. Hughes, grandson of T. R. Hughes, hosted many of these meetings as president of the Pleasant Grove Cemetery Society.

Although the Society has also faded into the past, later generations and neighbors still help care for the cemetery. A new fence was installed in 2004 funded by donations from people scattered across the nation.

Pleasant Grove Cemetery

At the northeast corner of the Pleasant Grove Church stands a good sized stone with the Wilkinson name on it. This was placed by Ed Wilkinson of Ames in late May of 1896 in memory of their three children buried there. No cause of death is listed for the youngsters.

Pleasant Grove Natural Amphitheater

Adapted from the Nevada Paper of August of 1896:

Pleasant Grove Church had a natural place for the gathering of large congregations for special services- just a ways west and down the hill, along the Skunk River, was the mill pond and lower pool below the Mill Dam. Close to a thousand folks could be present at any one time.

"Rev. Fletcher Brown, President of the Simpson College of Indianola, delivered an interesting sermon at the M.E. Church on Sunday last, after which he attended to the baptism of members from the home free congregation at the river. There were fifteen in all baptized before the services were over with at the river. A very hard rain came up which served to scatter teams in every direction. The crowd at the river was estimated to be close to a thousand. They were here from all parts of the county."

Pleasant Grove School

Unfortunately, these youngsters and teacher are not identified in this circa 1910 shot of Pleasant Grove School. The students are on the south lawn. Ida Jacobs Honderd was in first grade and is kneeling in the front row. (See also 173 &255)

Above: This captivating photo, for a fan of Milford Twp history, reveals a few seconds time at Pleasant Grove School about the time of the First World War with a cast of unidentified people and an unidentified occasion. It is entertaining to create an accompanying story to fit the congenial scene. Pleasant Grove School had been built in either 1884 or 1885 for a cost of just under $700.

Some identification has been furnished for the photo on the right; Back; Mrs George W Sowers-Myrtle, Mrs Howard Sowers-Pearl, George W Sowers, Balus Howland, George R Sowers, Howard (Tom) Sowers. Front; Bernice Howland,Bernita Howland, Jeanette Sowers, Mrs Fred Hass- Della, Viola Hass, Mrs Balus Howland- Lena (Tallest lady), Dorothy Sowers, Mrs George R Sowers- Martha, Clare Sowers, Bertha Hass, Galen Sowers. Martha and George R Sowers were the parents of Clare, Jeanette, and Dorothy Sowers. The Howland twins, Bernice and Bernita, graduated from Milford in 1928.

Tom (Howard) Sowers, the man in the back row right, died at the age of about forty in Feb of 1920 of pneumonia following influenza. That would have probably been a year and a half or perhaps two and a half years after the picture above had been taken. The paper states that his son, Galen, seen here in front of Tom, was thirteen years of age at the death of his Father. Tom's real name was Howard and he lived one mile east and one mile north of Dayton's Park. This would have been in the very southwest corner of Sec 8. *"Mr Sowers had been ill about a week. His son Galen became sick first, and then both Mr and Mrs Sowers became sick. A big, strong looking man, Tom Sowers' death comes as a great surprise and shock to his many friends"* Tom's Dad, JW Sowers, had a family of eleven who lived to adulthood and ten of them were alive in 1920.

Martha and George R. Sowers lived for a number of years in the late thirties and forties in the southwest corner of Story City where there was a vacant lot immediately to the south of their home and it was a great place for pickup games of baseball.

This fantastic photo, and it's not known who took it, whether it was a newspaper reporter or one of the crew, was taken on the west lawn of the Church on Thursday 26 Sept 1940 at a work party of 28 men and an equal number of ladies and children gathered at Pleasant Grove Church. They put a new coat of paint on and a new roof on the building. The seats and the wainscoting were cleaned and painted. Back Row Standing: William McCoy, George Roberts, Rhiner Honderd, Casper Thompson, Martin A Johnson, Charles Hughes, Guy Hughes, Kenneth Hughes, Jeffry Jacobson, Rexford Hughes, Cleopha (Mrs Silas) Thompson, Madge (Mrs Martin A) Johnson, Lena (Mrs Balus) Howland, Harold Matters, Jay Wilson, Delbert Johns (?Jones?) Second Row: Abner Nash, Cyrus Bakka, Clint Sheffield, George R. Sowers, Bella (Mrs. Bert) Arnenson, Ethel (Mrs Martin) Jacobs, Bertha (Mrs John A) Johnson, First Row: Balus Howland, Joe (Frank Shearer)- Exactly what that means- I don't know-, Richard McNew, Grant Whitaker, Jack Vincent, Mrs Lookingbill, Fred Walston, Rev. C.E. Lookingbill, Glady (Mrs Donald) Starbuck, Helen (Mrs Charles) Starbuck, Elizabeth (Mrs Hokan) Horness, Dorothy (Mrs Vere) Bielefeldt, Mrs Jay Wilson, Rora (Mrs. Frank) Doollittle, Ida (Mrs Rhiner) Honderd, Martha (Mrs George R Sowers), Minnie (Mrs Charles) Hughes, George Rassmusson of Nevada-bricklayer. Children- Norman Hughes (Rex), Donald Bielefeldt (Vere), and Norman Honderd (Rhiner). The insert at right is the same view on another pleasant day in the summer of 2007.

Bottom: This fantastic photo, believed to have been taken about the time of the First World War, shows the Pleasant Grove School looking very amicable on a pleasant sunny summer day. The camera is looking to the west northwest with the Pleasant Grove Church just out of the picture to the left. Because of the orientation of the Church in a north-south alignment with the door on the south end there was a general expectation, at the current time, that the school house door was also on the south facing toward the road with the roof ridge in a north-south alignment. This picture, however, proves that not to be the case- we find that the door is on the east end and opens to the morning sun while the four windows on the south let in the bright light from the daytime sunlight. It is interesting to note that the outhouses have been discreetly omitted from the scene by the placement of the camera.

The tall stone monument in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery to the immediate left of the school is one of the Randau monuments—this one from 1892. The next rectangular stone appears to be a photographic combination of the 1909 John S. Hughes and the 1906 Matters monuments. The next monument appears to be a combination, at least from the viewpoint of the camera, of the Randau monument of 1877 and behind it the 1882 monument for the wife of J.E. Hoover (the family that provided a haven for Mr Schweringen, following the prairie fire incident of 1860). And the tall monument on the left appears to be that of the Hovland family of 1888. This picture validates the idea that the school and church were only about 75 yards apart.

Pleasant Grove School was apparently built about 1884 from bricks that were hauled up from the brick yard in Nevada. Some have thought these bricks were from a nearby clay quarry, but the quarries nearby are for other stones.

Pleasant Grove School was apparently torn down shortly after the consolidation in the early twenties. Some of the bricks from this school were used for the construction of a well house at the farm on the east side of the road about 200 yards south of Milford Twp School. Unfortunately this well house is also no longer in existence.

Left: The same area as the photo below with a slightly different camera angle simply to provide a reference point in the spring of 2007 with the Pleasant Grove Church barely visible through the trees on the left of the scene. The road is now graveled as it wouldn't have been in the scene below.

See also page 57

Direct Line Seven Generational Chart of Hughes Males Buried at Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Milford Township, Story County, Iowa.

Thomas Rinehart 1813-1894 Also pg 50

William Swayze 1853-1911

Charles Rexford 1880-1962 also pg 260

Rexford William 1909-1957

Loyd Charles 1939-1998

Rexford Lowell 1974-1985 See pg 76.

This is the tombstone of Loyd Servigna Hughes, (son of Ryan Hughes, son of Dale Hughes) who was born and died on 15 Feb. 2007 in Provo, Utah and was returned to Pleasant Grove by his parents.

It is quite unexpected for a cemetery in central Iowa as small as Pleasant Grove to have a male representative of each of seven consecutive generations of one family buried within. There are also brothers and sisters and wives of these four older fellows. One exception is Sarah, wife of William Swayze, who is buried in Ames because she felt that "Pleasant Grove will some day turn into a weed patch and, by golly, I don't want to be laying in a weed patch!"

Left: Norman Rexford 1936-1944 Also pg 75

1939 Bridge from the Northwest

The new Soper's Mill Bridge: On a cold overcast day in Jan 2007, the snow packed road crosses the South Skunk River headed to the southeast and curves gently to the left and goes up the hill to the Pleasant Grove Church and Cemetery area. This new bridge was opened in the summer of 1939 at a cost of about $22,000 with the Public Works Administration supplying a $9,900 grant in Oct of 1938 with work to start as soon as possible. The mill would have stood just about where the far end of the bridge is now located. The original Soper's Mill Bridge, if it were still in existence, would be just out of the picture to the left.

Early Settlers' Money Problems

In an Atlas published in the early twentieth century, a brief history is given of the financial problems encountered by the early settlers. The financial panic of 1856-'57 added to the problems of the settlers of Story County. Money became almost unknown as a medium of exchange for a long time. The paper currency, of which a few of the later arrivals had a very small amount, became worthless, only gold and silver would purchase goods. A notable exception was the bill of the "Bank of Nebraska" commonly called BF Allen's "Red Dog" money. Occasionally a bill on the "State Bank of Indiana" would be seen and every loyal Hoosier "religiously" believed it was a little safer than a government bond.

Ol' Milford Farmer say: Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

CHAPTER IV

Some General History Farming and Some Tragedies

1896 Horse Incidents

One reoccurring item in the papers of the late nineteenth century was the reporting of people being injured and property destroyed or damaged from runaway horse incidents. Perhaps the record for any one week was in the summer of 1896 when, in just our own Pleasant Grove area alone, there were three incidents reported from the previous week.

1. Mr Arthur Ballard's team took occasion to go home without him from the mill (Soper's Mill) Monday and strung his wagon out in great shape.

2. Frank Sanders is nursing a badly sprained shoulder caused by a vicious colt he was handling.

3. What might have been a serious accident occurred to Mrs Marion Smith last Sunday night as they were returning from Gilbert Station, the team became frightened at a couple of bicycles, and got the upper hand of Marion and in trying to get out of the buggy she fell on the wheel and received injuries which will keep her in the house for a few days. All trust she may soon be all right.

Another week, there was a report of a young man in Nevada, who, when attempting to stop a runaway team with a wagon of lumber, got knocked to the ground and the wagon ran over him. He died from his injuries. The wagon of lumber was strewn along the main street in Nevada.

A week later a 13 year old lad from near Roland was seriously injured after he had harnessed the horses and hitched them to the buggy and drove up to the front of the house. He was holding the horses by the bridles so his mother could get into the buggy. The horses spooked at something, knocked the lad down and pulled the buggy over him. He was expected to be fine after a few days of bed rest.

1897 Indians Camp in Milford Twp

In the Nevada paper of the summer of 1897 there appeared a little statement as follows:

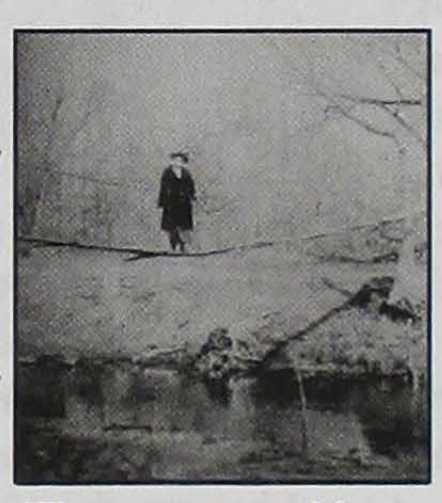
"A camp of Indians near Bear Creek Bridge is the center of attraction now."

This would have been near the place where Horness and Honderd families lived in the 1960's.

1907 Milford Students Injured Foot Bridge Collapses

Adapted from the Fall 1907 Ames Paper:

"While a merry party of Milford young people were enjoying a picnic last Saturday afternoon in the woods near the J.J. Coon home, an accident occurred which spoiled the pleasure for the afternoon. It seems quite a number of the party were crossing the river on a temporary foot bridge which had been constructed by Mr. Coon for personal use. The bridge gave way and they all fell a distance of ten feet into the water. This probably would have added merriment to the occasion but it was soon found that Miss Mary Frey had been severely injured, having had one of her limbs broken by the fall. She was taken to a nearby house and Dr. Aplin summoned from Ames at once. She was then removed to her home and the latest report is that she is resting as well as could be expected. This is very unfortunate for Mary, as she is one of our Milford girls who attend High School at Ames, being in the Junior Class."



The reconstructed foot bridge a number of years after the collapse.
Ames Historical Society

The J.J. Coon farm sat on both sides of the Skunk River in the middle of Sec 23 in Franklin Township. It was along the road that is now known as Arrasmith Trail. At the time, 1907, there was probably a road, or at least a

trail, that went west from the corner of E-29 and Dayton Road. The young folks were, in all likelihood, only a mile and a half from Milford Township.

The Frey family lived a little over a mile west of the Milford School of the 1950's in northeast corner Sec 20. This is the current residence of Orland Stensland.

Notice the editor used the expression "one of her limbs" ---not one of her legs, not one of her arms. Is this the modesty of the times or had the editor not been informed of the seriousness of the injury?

One of the things that adds interest to the article is the mention of how some of the students of the rural one room schools left Milford Township and furthered their education in the high school at Ames.

In the fall of 2002, **Harlan Harper Jr** '41 sent the following information (Harlan Jr died in Jan of 2003):

"As a member of the class of '41, I will try to tell you a little of the athletes of my high school days. As for our class, Arnold Nelson and Stan Egland were the outstanding ones. They shared pitching duties on the baseball team and were very reliable on the basketball court. We didn't have outstanding teams but we learned the sportsmanship of winning and losing.

Of the 1940 team we looked up to Don Wakefield and Ed Larson. Leonard Jones was an outstanding catcher in baseball. Fred Matters came along after us and lettered all 4 years in High school. One tournament game he made 10 free throws straight. The most outstanding team of our era was headed by Don Halverson and Earl Johnson. I think they beat Ames in a tournament game.

Nevada was the first school we played to build a regulation size basketball court. We had an awful time running the length of their court without being short of breath.

I believe the 1940 basketball team wore silver and blue uniforms and in 1941 we wore red and white.

The Harper farm in Sec 5 was called "Pioneer Crest Farm" because there was an 1850s log cabin in the timber. There was also a gravestone of Anne Brouhard, an 11 year old girl buried there in 1856. The CCC boys built an erosion control dam on this farm in the late 1930s. The county hand corn husking contest was held on this farm about 1940.

Eight Harpers attended Milford School with as many as 7 riding the school bus each morning. The Harpers were active 4-Hers. Mother, Joan, won a trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago about 1917. Dixon won the same trip in 1939. Harlan Sr was 4-H leader. Harlan Jr was county president and state vice-president. He won a trip to the 4-H Congress in Chicago as state livestock champion in 1940. He also won a trip to the National Youth Camp in Muskegon, Mich.

1929 Supt Weyrauch Killed

From the Nevada Paper of Monday, 8 April 1929:

"G.W. Weyrauch, 58, superintendent of the Milford Consolidated school north of this city, was killed Sunday afternoon and his wife was severely injured, when their motor car was struck on a Northwestern grade crossing a mile this side of Ames.

Mr and Mrs. Weyrauch, who live at Ames, were going south on the Dayton Park Road, a mile east of Ames. As they approached the Northwestern grade crossing, which is a dangerous one at the best, they waited for an eastbound freight train to clear the crossing and then drove onto the crossing directly in the path of a west bound freight, which was bearing down upon them, while obscured from their view by the eastbound train.

The Ford car was a total wreck, the wreckage having been carried for a considerable distance along the tracks, by the heavy freight engine, going downgrade and unable to make a quick stop."

Mrs. Weyrauch survived the incident but was in the hospital with severe lacerations on the head, a broken collar bone and severe shock.

The circumstances of this incident are a little difficult to imagine until one recalls that the trains were, most likely, traveling on the respective left track of the double track route.

When this incident happened, in early April, the Principal of the school, Edith Myers, was appointed acting superintendent and the year ended with that arrangement. Two subjects, Physical Training and Music, were dropped from the curriculum for the duration of that semester. Also, County Supt Kellogg provided some direct on-site assistance. Mr Weyrauch, had been hired in the fall of 1928 and lost his life before the completion of one year's service.

The fall of 1929, Wayne Pratt was hired as Supt. Pratt was at Milford Twp for just one school year.

1931 State Corn Picking Contest

Milford Twp Hosts Contest

The Milford School Athletic Association had a great opportunity dumped in their lap to raise funds in Nov of 1931 when the Iowa Corn Pickers Association held their state contest at the County Farm in south Milford Twp and the Athletic Association was granted permission to have a refreshment stand at this event. The proceeds went into the Athletic fund. No record was found stating how much was made in this effort. The other four organizations that were permitted to serve refreshments were the Story County 4-H Clubs, Ames American Legion, Nevada Methodist Church and the Christian Church of Nevada.

The event was held on Friday, the sixth of November of 1931 at 10 AM and, as something really new, WOI radio of Iowa State College of Ames was at the event with their short-wave equipment and broadcast the event to Ames where it was changed to the regular AM frequency for distribution over their facility. This was the first time a corn picking contest had been broadcast by radio. They would be on the air from 9:30 until 11:30 but the results of the harvesting would not be available until 2:00- 2:30.

The Story County contest had been held on Tuesday, the 3rd of November, at the Anderson farm just southeast of Nevada. Jack Viers of Maxwell won the event but was disqualified because he was, in reality, a resident of Polk County; so, Frank Thornton of Nevada represented Story County at the State Contest. There was an estimated crowd of over 600 at this event. No record of any Milford participants in this contest was found.

One "expert" estimated the crowd at the state contest to be about 10,000 but others disputed that claim, but, never-the-less, there was a sizable crowd. The audience listening over the radio was estimated in the hundreds of thousands? The Ames High School band was present during the morning hours and furnished music to entertain the crowd and also for the parade of the wagons and contestants to the field. During the afternoon hours the Nevada High School Band and the Story County Band were on the field and with the crowd after it had accumulated around the buildings as the weighing was under way.

After a rather complicated set of deductions was applied, the remaining corn was calculated to show the winners as well as those who did not win. (Three pounds of grain deducted for every pound of corn missed, and, in a very complicated formula, the deduction for husks was even more severe.) The contestants had to average between forty to fifty picked ears per minute to "be in the game".

This was the first time a state corn picking contest had ever been held in Story County.

Lee Carey of Laurens in Marshall County won and in the process defeated the previous year's champion, Clyde Tague. Our Story County man, Frank Thornton, finished 14th in the field of 18. Lee Carey and E.H. Hendricks, as second place winner, went on to represent Iowa in the National Contest in Grundy Center on the 13th of Nov.

In a special feature at the State Contest, a ladies 30 minute contest was staged. No record could be found pertaining to the selection process for the seven ladies that entered the contest. Mrs Lloyd Halverson of Radcliffe won this event. The only unmarried contestant, Miss Flora Grimius of Grundy Center, finished a not too close second. Mrs Halverson's 30 minute effort compared favorably with those of Carey's 80 minute effort. No kinship relationship was found between Milford's Supt Halverson '35-'46 and Mrs Lloyd Halverson.

Above: A good sized crowd had gathered when this photo was taken at the Iowa Corn Husking Championship held at the Story County Home Farm. The view is to the west northwest.

Left Center: Not in Milford Twp but a good example of a labor intensive operation of the time before about 1950.

Left: A mighty important implement in the corn harvest effort is shown left- the harvesting peg. This is but one of several basic types with many variations of each.

Ol' Milford Farmer think: Conclusion occur when people get tired of thinking.

1958 Hayride Incident

Unfortunate Hayride Accident

An evening filled with the fun of a hayride and picnic ended with a grinding, scraping jolt that knocked the hayrack out from under many pupils of the student body of Milford Twp about ten o'clock Friday night 12 Sept 1958 on the gravel road just a half mile north of the Milford Twp School. Forty three of the forty six students in high school at Milford Twp were on the hayracks which were hitched tandem behind a tractor driven by a former student, Bob Jacobson '57. Also on the tractor with Bob were Larry Miller '56 and Harlan Hanson of Roland, who, ironically, was the owner of the car that hit the hayracks.

In addition, there were four teachers and three of their spouses on the hayrack ride returning to the school following a picnic at Soper's Mill. The '49 Ford barely missed hitting the tractor, sideswiped the front trailer and hit the front left of the rear trailer very solidly and knocked it into the ditch on the west side of the road and dumped the students on the gravel road.

Almost unbelievably there were no fatalities, but several of the people most seriously injured, still, nearly fifty years later, carry physical scars of the incident.

Eight people were taken to the hospital with injuries. One of the eight was the driver of the car, a former student at Milford Twp School. The other seven were Norene Hughes, Margaret Haugland, Ronnie Sorem, Dixie Thomas, Janice Radabaugh, Karen Petersen, and Linda Carsrud. Linda Carsrud was transferred to the Ames Hospital after emergency treatment at Nevada. The other seven stayed at the Nevada Hospital. Four of the injured- the driver of the car, Karen Petersen, Dixie Thomas, Janice Radabaugh- were released during the first weekend following the incident. Ronnie Sorem was released after five days or so but continued to recuperate at home for a matter of five to six weeks. Linda Carsrud was released from the Mary Greeley Hospital following a 12 day stay in the hospital where she underwent care for her compound fracture of her left leg.

Norene Hughes was the next one released --well over a month following the accident while Margaret Haugland was the last of the injured to be released.

The next day this big story was on the front page of the Des Moines Register.

Population Trend

Population 1856-2000

Census began in 1856 when Milford Twp had not been officially founded. Milford Twp was founded in 1858 and most of the population was in the Pleasant Grove portion of the township and some in the very southeast portion.

1856- listed as a portion of Franklin Twp
1860 =145
1863 =171
1865 =232
1867 =334
1869 =433
1870 =503
1873 =589
1875 =636 All nine schools in place by 1875
1880 =799
1890 =732 with 287 students
1900 =828 The apex year-35 families with 6 or more kids.
1910 =745
1920 =677 Consolidation of the nine schools
1925 =628
1930 =782
1940 =677
1950 =754
1960 =676 Milford Twp High closed 1961
1970 =589
1980 =518
1990 =399 only 75 secondary students and 40 veterans
2000 =569 which includes 128 youngsters 5-17.

This figure, 569, includes the trailer court near the Dayton Park corner and the new housing addition in the very northwest corner of Milford Twp.

The Joe Bailey home just to the west of Mc Farland Park in the south of Sec 7. It's difficult to tell from what time period it is, and that makes it an interesting photo.

Trend in Larger Families

When Milford Consolidated High School closed in the spring of 1961 there were very few families who had six children living at home. However, in 1900, within Milford Township, there were 35 families that had six or more children living at home at the time of the census. Almost unbelievably, that is literally one family with six children or more for each of the 36 square miles of our township.

The James Sowers and George Gunder families were the winners with 12 children living at home at the time of the census. At least another 6 families had at least 9 children at home. The Austin Molde family, had 8 children, (including Ted, father of several Milford Twp students-Grace, Kermit, Shirley.....) seven alive at the time of the census.

Teamwork: This 1900 scene shows the style of teamwork involved in agriculture of the time. Each unit in the operation supporting the others, both in labor and in taking care of each other as in this rest time.

This Massey Harris combine, from the early sixties, would have made short work of the crops of previous decades. Dale Hughes ran a combine like this on the wheat harvests of 1962, 1965, 1966, and 1967 and typically this was a four to five month adventure going from north central Texas to NW Montana.

Ol Milford Farmer say: Wow!

Rural and Quite Proud of It.

1938 Corn Shuckin' Derby

Story County held its annual corn shucking contest on the Ben Anderson farm near Story City on October 20, 1938. Milford Twp was represented by Jeffrey Jacobson '33 and Max Arrasmith'32. No information can be found on how they did but they probably did quite well.

The accompanying photo, although not taken in Milford Twp, shows what a good portion of the Township would have looked like on a warm, late July afternoon almost any year before 1950.

Most Rural Township in Iowa

Right after WWII, 1948, some State entity wanted a rural township to work in to do a tuberculosis study. They selected Milford Township, Story County, Iowa, because it had been classified by the Census Dept. as one of the most rural townships in the country. We had no post office, no town, no village, very few (perhaps one) businesses, no bus, train, or plane service and no hard surfaced roads. They elected to not consider we were a couple miles from the full service county seat town and four or five miles from a state university.

Some Business History

Milford Twp had a Doctor in the 1880's that worked in the west side of Milford Twp. We had a "town" of one store that stood where the National Disease Lab. is in Sec 30. There was a store and creamery (reportedly started in 1895) about the time of the First World War located a mile west of current Milford Twp School; another creamery was reported to be in and on the hill in SW Sec 4. This was the well known "Indian Hill Creamery" and it closed its doors

when the proprietor left with some of the equipment and moved to McCallsburg in the very late 1890's. There was a blacksmith shop at the "Amil Twedt" (of the 1950's) farm in the southeast corner of Sec 3 in the 1880's.

Peavinery Site

Before the Second World War, and up until about the time of the Korean War, there was an "English Pea" hulling site in the very northwest corner of Sec 23 on the Ted Molde farm. The product from this site went to the Marshall Canning Co in Roland. 1944 was the last year that peas were canned in Roland after they had begun canning peas in 1923. Eleven of these vining stations had been built for the Roland plant and it seems accurate to say that 1944 would have been the end of the Milford site pea vinery.

The shelled green peas were hauled to Roland sometimes in a wagon box behind a farm tractor. Most folks who remember this plant mention the extremely sour odor that arose and drifted downwind from the rotting and fermenting pea vines and hulls on the concrete pad just to the east of the moderately sized building that contained the machinery that separated the peas from the rest of the plant. The Roland facility was closed when it was bought by Lenore Corporation in 1958.

Below: In about 1939 Clayton Clifford's Dad, Hermus, poses with a new looking John Deere 25 corn picker. It may be a ground driven unit which makes one wonder if one were to backup with the tractor, did the picker run backwards or was there a one-way clutch on the unit. On the other hand, perhaps the extra wheels are simply to carry the extra weight. (Research has shown it was PTO driven)

Arrasmith Service Station

There was a filling station, owned by the Arrasmith family, across the road south of the Milford Twp school. This station was in operation for a few years shortly after WWII in the 1940's. Although the teaching staff didn't like it to happen, some "older" students would cross the road at recess and get a candy bar or a soda and, for some, could put these treats on their parent's tab. It had a small degree of danger in crossing the road as vehicles, particularly gravel trucks, were often going way too fast and the large cloud of dust "chasing" these vehicles would impair visibility. See page 279.

Milford Twp is the Center of Iowa

Milford Twp was officially declared to contain the geographic center of Iowa in 1986. The exact location was placed about a mile and a half east of Milford Twp School on the south side of E-29. It is about 150 feet west of the creek and 200 feet south of the road. This would be in the northwest quarter of Sec 23. Loren Book, who farmed this piece of land at the time, had his picture in many newspapers. In 1979 there had been a study by a couple of college students that showed the center to be just a few feet from where the Official center was placed. Loren was quoted as saying the place was the site of their best cocklebur patch and the newspapers really liked that. Loren's Dad didn't. It was logical though as the spot was in the flood plain of West Indian Creek and when the creek overflowed it would bring in a nice seeding of cocklebur seed.

Ol' Milford Farmer wonder: If there's a fifty-fifty chance of being right--- why is there an 80 % chance that it'll be wrong.

Story County Crop Competition

Corn

1924 Henry Birkel of Milford Twp won the 1924 Story County corn yield contest out of 119 entries. His corn yielded 45.1 which beat the second place contestant by 6.8 bushels per acre.

1962 When Leon Wilson, who later became the postmaster at Nevada, Iowa, lived in Milford Township, he won the Story County corn yield contest in 1962 with a yield of 151.9 bushels per acre. This was the first time that a yield exceeding 150 bpa had been recorded in the contest. He lived in Sec 20 a mile west and 3/4 mile south of Milford School.

1964 In 1964 Roy Borton Sec 11 in Milford Twp won second place in the corn yield contest.

1971 Don Book & Sons, Sec 15, won the Story County Corn yield contest in 1971 with a yield of 162.39 bpa.

1973 In 1973, Gary Handelman, Sec 20, won the Story County Corn Yield Contest with 178.98 bpa.

1978 Dale Hughes, Sec 14, won the second place in the 1978 Story County corn yield contest with a yield of 171 bushels per acre.

1981 Steve Brooks won the Story County Corn yield contest with a yield of 189.37 bpa in 1981.

1988 In 1988 Wakefield Farms, Sec 19, won the Story County Corn Yield Contest with a yield of 160.6 bpa.

2000 Becker Family Farms won with 204.36 bpa.

2001, 2007, 2008 In 2001, Max Bailey, on some of his Milford Twp ground, won the Story County Corn Yield Contest with a yield of 222.17 bpa and also won the bean yield contest with a yield of 71.45 bpa. in the long history of Story County crop competition, he is the first to win both the corn and bean contest in the same year.

2006 Swanson Farms won the corn contest.

Soybeans

1964 In 1964, Fred Waugh won the Story County Soybean Contest with a yield of 47.89 bpa. Also, in **1964**, Art Borton won third place.

1970 In 1970, Bill Christy won the Story County Soybean Yield Contest with a yield of 54.77 bpa.

1985 &1986 In 1985 and 1986, Gene Mortvedt, won the Story County Soybean Yield Contest with yields of 58.57 and 60.40 bpa respectively. Gene was the first individual to win the contest in consecutive years.

2005 In 2005, Loyd Brown won the Story County Soybean Yield Contest with a yield of 84.75. This is the first time a yield of more than 80 bpa has been recorded in the Story County portion of the contest. Also, it is the current record for a soybean yield in Story County.

2008 Eric Jenson won 76.3 bpa. Field in Milford Twp.

Drought in Milford Twp

One of the worst droughts, statewide, was in the mid 1890's when the statewide yield of corn dropped from 33.9 BPA in 1893 to 15.0 in 1894 and then rebounded to 35.1 in 1895. Iowa's Great Lakes reached record lows in the mid nineties that were never exceeded. Soper's Mill rarely ran because of the low water.

The worst drought, in terms of crop damage, in the history of Milford Twp, since European settlers came to the area, was in early summer of 1977. It was a small area of severe drought that included portions of Boone, Story, and Marshall Counties.

Phil Allen, who, at the time, lived 1 mile east and 3/4 mile south of Milford School, reported it was the worst drought he had seen in his fifty years of crop production. Phil had started farming in 1928 so he had farmed through the infamous days of the "Dust Bowl" with its record setting heat (and cold) and dry weather. He always had something to harvest in those days; "but in '77, there was nothing," he reported.

Allen, like many farmers in Milford Twp, did not bother harvesting his corn, but simply disked it under. Other farmers, who did harvest, reported a typical yield of four bushels an acre of low-quality grain. Most questioned the value of even doing this as the wear and tear on the combine plus the cost of operation exceeded the income from the yield, but they went ahead and harvested to reduce the amount of volunteer corn in the following year's bean crop.

The season started with very low soil moisture and the rain clouds with any meaningful moisture always missed this tri-county zone. One storm, forming in the northwest, looked as though it would give the area some rain; however, it split and one half went east along Hwy 175 in southern Hamilton and Hardin Counties toward Hubbard and the other half went south-southeast toward Ankeny, once again missing the Milford Twp area. Typically, farmers in the Randall, Radcliffe area reported a 75-bushel per acre crop.

In Milford Twp, when the corn attained fence-post height in the latter part of June, the dry weather continued and the hot weather set in, with day after day of 95-98 degrees and light breezes. I'm not sure the temperature reached 100 degrees that summer, but it didn't have to as the 95 plus degree temperatures and the dryness continued. The corn leaves curled and turned whitish green; the plants went into stress, tasseled while having no silks, and for all practical purposes, died. The weather remained hot and dry until the first day of August. At

that time it started to rain, and, amazingly enough, there was record rainfall in that month. This made the rainfall amount for the year to be "average". These rains were too late to do the corn any good.

By the end of July the corn had shrunk in height and by harvest was only 2 1/2 to 3 feet or so in height.

The situation for soybeans was a little different in that the beans seemed to go into a dormant stage when at about 8" high. Some of the later varieties really took off when the rains finally came in early August, yielding 30-35 bushels per acre. However, this was not very typical.

In order to help the community through this difficult season, the government came out with some low-interest loan programs that many farmers participated in. Many later regretted taking this low-interest loan when prices remained low well into the 1980's, when the loans went into repayment. The 1980's, particularly the early and mid '80's, were a story onto themselves with the very low commodity prices and the extremely high interest rates (18-22%) being the norm. This was a time of extreme economic hardship for many that rivaled, although fell short in the big picture, those of the thirties.

On the other end of the spectrum, in the crop year of 1993, there was way too much rain. And crop yields were disappointingly low. A field of corn might look quite good, but the common and consistent yield for the season was about 90-93 bpa. Many blamed this on the root system that had not fully developed because it didn't have to get adequate moisture for the plant. This limited root system then could not obtain the necessary nutrients from the soil. Others thought the soil was compacted by the rains and therefore oxygen could not circulate through the soil to chemically react to make the nutrients available.

Hack Horness and friends load a wagon with bundles using the team approach where two fellows throw the entire shock onto the hay rack at once. Note the "sheet" on the horse's back to help ward off the bugs and the chaff. A common scene before the Korean War. The last time anyone thrashed in Milford Twp, most likely in 1955, was when Cy Thompson, just for the novelty of it, got a crew together and harvested a field of oats. Wilbert Hadley '56 had some "Sunday afternoon good-times" events for the neighbors to stand, watch, and reminisce.

See Horness family story on page 285.

Milfordite on First County 4-H Fair Board

Otis Warren, center, Milford farmer, gathers with other fellows in 1964 for a group photo of the first Story County Fair Board of 1939. They were the Board that developed and built the first buildings on the grounds in SW Nevada and made it the permanent location. The others in the photo, from left, are TC Henryson of Story City; Victor Riley of Ames; Otis; Dick Jay of Ames, who was the first president; and Sam Oakes, Zearing. In the background is one of the three or four beautiful barns located on the site at the southwest corner of Nevada.

Each year for the fair, the 4-H clubs of the County would be assigned a task to help open or close the fair site. One year our Milford Club, The Milford Hustlers, was asked to remove the reinforced tar paper that was nailed with lathe over the vents that ran the length of the barn at the very top. I can't recall how we got to the crest of the barn but when we were just about done with the task, we encountered a large group of hornets that had a nest under the tar paper. Most of the guys "abandoned ship" at the first flutter of the hornets but I and another fellow just stayed up there and swatted the things with a lathe. It was great fun. Neither of us were stung. However, the other guys thought we were showing off (and perhaps we were) and so they took the ladder away-because it was needed "right now" at another location. So after a while we decided it was time to get down and we tried to ease ourselves down over the crest of the curved roof on our feet, seat and heels of our hands. Let me tell you, it wasn't very long until one was in an uncontrolled slide and within a few feet the friction caused a burning sensation which was a burn. When the edge of the roof came by, we just bailed off to the ground. We both ended up with burns on the hands and rump. They weren't too bad and healed in a couple days.

A 1950's Farm

This interesting aerial photo, taken probably in the late fall of 1952, shows many of the farm practices that were used in the 1950's. It happens to be the Rex Hughes farm located on the west side of Sec 14, a mile east and three quarters north of Milford Twp Consolidated School. The photographer, Elmer Paul, is looking to the north. The barn, built in 1948, was reputed to be the last large barn built in the Township and one of the last in the county before "pole barn" constuction style took over because of lower building costs and engineering advances.

A Standard 1950 Iowa Farm

Perhaps the most different item to be seen in the photo looking to the north is the "wire-checked" corn field behind the house in which the object was to be able to cultivate the crop in two different directions. In this case the planter ran to the left and right in the photo, but just to the left of the house, the viewer can align the corn into rows that appear to run north and south, and also to the right of the house one can align rows to the northeast. 1952 was probably one of the last times this practice was used in the Milford Twp area as it quickly went out of "vogue" as soon as the quality of herbicides improved. However, it still makes a pretty picture as the lines of corn spread out before the viewer.

Also, just barely visible behind the little shed at the left of the photo, is a mounted 2 row corn picker. This is another practice that was abandoned a few years later as combines got a real grasp on the harvesting situation by the middle of the 1960's. The amount of labor was reduced at harvest time and also, there was no shelling time the following year and thus, this practice was no longer needed and also abandoned. Farm labor was becoming more and more difficult to obtain as farm families became smaller, and as mechanization gained more and more of a grasp, the need for a "year 'round man" slowly disappeared. This, in turn, caused those who might be available for farm labor to "go to town" for a more steady job and then not have time, or the desire, to work on the farms.

The various livestock operations of the individual farmer are quite visible in this view. Note the chicken house to the east of the house for the poultry, the hog house between the barn and the machine shed, and just to the south of the barn stands a lone cow as a representative of the dairy operation, there are probably a few "fat cattle" in the loafing shed on the east side of the barn. Also, at this farm, at the time, but not shown in the photo, were two draft horses and a couple ponies.

Just to the left of the corn crib is a pile of corn cobs from the shelling of the previous year's corn crop. Corn shelling became quite rare by the mid to late sixties. Also, to the northwest of the barn, is a 35 horsepower tractor with no cab. This was the "big" farm field tractor. Cabless tractors had everything but disappeared by the eighties for field work. A "big" wagon, visible to the right of the little shed, held 100-125 bushels. By 2007, it wasn't called a big wagon unless it held 600, perhaps 700, or more bushels.

Another thing that is no longer used on the farm of the current time is the windmill. This entire farm, at the time, could be supplied with water from the windmill if the need arose although there was an electric powered well that supplied the house and the automatic water fountain to the livestock.

East (right) of the garage, hardly visible in this photo, was a large garden with a small raspberry patch. North of the house was an orchard of plum, apple, and cherry trees. An orchard, large or small, was one of the first things a farmer planted.

Another thing that is not visible in the photo is the change in the plant population at planting time. Starting at the end of the War planting populations edged up from 13-15,000 until by the turn of the century, few were planting at less than 30,000 corn kernels an acre.

Another practice, unseen in the photo, would be the use of a crop rotation such as a corn, corn, oats, hay (or pasture) covering a four year period. Gradually the second year corn disappeared with soybeans replacing the second year corn. By the late sixties, most farmers were alternating back and forth between corn one year and soybeans the following.

As a footnote to an inflation factor, the barn was built in 1948 for a total cost of less than $12,000; and that included tearing down the old barn. In 2003, two of the three roof surfaces were reshingled with wood shingles at a cost of over $16,000.

Also, corn was sold in the spring of 1948 for $2.17 delivered to Roland and in the summer of 2006, it's hovering around the $1.85 mark. Yields have increased significantly from the time of the fifties to the present. In the early fifties, if a farmer got 100 bpa, he could be quite proud, however, by the turn of the century, 100 bpa would be considered a "crop failure" with yields approaching, and occasionally passing, the 200 bpa figure for a farm average.

Breaks 100 BPA in Milford Twp

In the early fifties, Roy Borton, 2 miles east and 1 1/2 mile north of Milford School, had a Crow's Seed Corn dealership and when his farm averaged 104 Bushels per Acre, Crow's Seed Company, headquartered in Nevada, Iowa and Milford, Illinois, ran a full page ad in the farm magazines announcing that an Iowa farmer, using Crow's Hybrids, of course, had exceeded 100 bpa for an all farm yield.

At that time, when companies desired to raise corn for seed, the job, which supplied employment and money to many of the young people, required the "detasseling" to be done by hand. Currently, machines do the job and if any hand labor is used, it is just for "clean up".

In Sept 1976, in a different type of dangerous activity, a Milford farmer was arrested for growing marijuana. He apparently was taking good care of the plants because the Sheriff arrested the Milford farmer when he showed up to water the plants.

Farming Can Be a Dangerous Job

When one thinks of the farming occupation, one does not have a tendency to dwell on the possible dangers involved with this occupation. It is much more pleasant to reflect on the beautiful waving grain stirred by a gentle summer breeze. However, since the War, there have been seven farmers killed in Milford Twp by their occupation. These are:

-**Farrel Safly**; Squeezed between tractor and barn.

-Don Radabaugh; Tractor upset while herding cows. 1960. He was in the class of 1963.

-LaVerne Jacobson, '35; Fell off a tractor while disk ing. 1969

-Janice Radabaugh Borton, '61; Tractor upset hauling wagons. 1969.

-Rex Hughes (Jr); Suffocated in moving grain in large wagon. Nov 1985. He was in the class of '92.

-Max Arrasmith, '32; Loader tractor upset while loading a wagon. 1989

-Marvin Smith III, '65; Fell from a loader bucket onto concrete. June 2002

Marvin Smith II (Jr.) '41N; died in Peru in Jan of 1974 while on a farm tour. He was 51 years of age.

Craighten Kaltenhauser, former Milfordite '71R?, son of Frank, while living near Lusk, Wyo in the 1980s, was killed when repairing a truck PTO.

One time, a number of years ago, I stood with a neighbor, Bob Jacobson, (A man who has probably farmed

in Milford longer than anyone except Leo Tjelmeland) in a machine shed on a pleasant rainy afternoon and he and I were reflecting on how many of our neighbors had been injured with farm accidents. He, knowing the farmers within the community better than I, just "went up and down the roads" naming the fellows, (he included most of the them) and mentioned the permanent injuries that so many of them carried and lived with. They were all the way from a finger and fingernail being split open by an auger, to the loss of fingers, to the uneven leg length of a neighbor who had a leg broken in a power takeoff accident and it never healed correctly.

Boyd Brodie, the 13 year old son of Duane '56 and Barbara '57 (Sorem) Brodie, had the lower portion of his left leg taken off when injured by an auger at the family farm while emptying a grain bin. This occurred on 13 July 1976.

J E Fausch, oldest son of Richard, was critically injured in a farm accident on 10 May 1929.

8 June 1859 Infant Death

In Milford Twp, on the 3d instant, of conjection of the brain, LUCY MIRANDA, infant daughter of Wesley and Catharine Arrasmith, aged 11 months and 28 days. Story County Advocate.

1880 Diphtheria Hits Milford

"DIED"-- In Milford Township. June 6th, 1880, of Diphtheria, George Edmund Gillmore, aged 5 years, 3 months, 20 days, son of William (?) and Jerusha Gillmore. 'Lovely in death.'"

This heartbreaking notice appeared in the Nevada paper in the summer of 1880. It, unfortunately, was but one of several that summer as diphtheria hit northern Story County and the southern portions of Hamilton and Hardin Counties quite severely. This is the only one that I could identify as a Milford victim. One family lost two of their children and another family lost three children, two of them in a matter of a few hours, in that dreadful, frightful summer of 1880. Young Gilmore was buried in the Nevada Cemetery. He was probably the eldest son in the family. The Gilmore family probably lived, at the time, along the road on the south side of Sec 21 (200 Street). This would be a mile south of Milford Twp Cons School and to the west in the first mile. In 1883, Mr and Mrs Gilmore had another son and named him George. They were the parents of at least nine children.

Unfortunately, this incident reminds us of a very melancholic song of the period:

"How sad tonight my troubled heart,
How dim mine eyes with tears!
For death has robbed me of the joy
I thought was mine for years.
The sunbeams of my happy life
will never on me shine
Until in Heaven I will meet
that little boy of mine!
CHORUS
Sweet Angels, let they living smiles
Upon my pathway shine,
To lead me where I'll meet again,
That darling little boy of mine.
2. The very light and life of home,
That came, I thought, to stay;
To make me happy while I lived,
Too soon was called away.
The eyes that smiled so sweet on me,
The lad I thought divine,
All, all is gone, for heaven claimed
That darling boy of mine!

(Repeat -CHORUS)
3. My life is lonesome, home is sad,
My heart is filled with pain;
I feel like one who'll never know
A joy in life again,
Whenever I see a child's blue eyes
In beauty on me shine,
My poor heart bleeds, oh, then I miss
That darling boy of mine.
(Repeat-CHORUS)

There were too many parents of that time that could have echoed these lamenting lyrics.

We are reminded that many other conditions proved fatal that, in light of today's standards, would seem rather mundane when the following 15 Dec 1881 newspaper clip is noted.

Died: James Arresmith, 16 1/2, died of paratonites following an operation.

It is thought this lad was a Milford or Franklin Twp Arrasmith.

The Spencer Family

The Spencer Stone at Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

The Spencer family, David and Sarah, who lived in Richland Twp, lost three of their boys ,William, 12; Elbert, 10; and Charles, 6; to Diptheria in just 12 days in Sept of 1883. An older daughter, Eva, 14, also had the disease as did a girl cousin about the same age from Chicago who was visiting the family. Five youngsters were down with the disease in this household. Both the young ladies survived. The picture below is the Spencer family about 1908 with two children who were born following the ordeal of 1883; Arthur, center, and Edna, right. Eva Belle, left, survived the attack with Diptheria. Exactly why the selection of Pleasant Grove was made for the internment of the children and the father is unclear but there was another Spencer family in the area so they were probably kin.

A Little about Diphtheria

Diphtheria is a highly contagious disease spread by direct physical contact or breathing the aerosolized secretions of infected individuals. The most dreaded form affects the throat but other forms can infect other areas of the body. Early symptoms include fatigue, fever, a mild sore throat and problems swallowing. A membrane forms over the tonsils, pharynx and or nose and a severe swelling develops of the neck. Death results from either suffocation or very rapid heart rate. One of the first effective treatments, first used in the 1880's, was the insertion of tubes down the throat. The first antitoxin used against the disease was in 1891 and produced in horses. Now the disease is prevented by a vaccination.

Cholera Infantum Strikes Milford Twp.

From the Aug 1896 paper. *Little Laurence Minkler, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Chas Minkler, died last Saturday morning of Cholera Infantum. He was sick only three days, the bereaved family have the sympathy of the neighborhood in their hour of sadness, but there is a blessed hope in the promise of God to us in times of trouble.* **Edit: The Minklers owned land two miles south of Pleasant Grove Church on the east side of the road.**

1897 Mysterious Drowning

Dry Creek is a very small stream lined with graceful tall trees that provide a serene, cathedral like, shady setting. It flows lazily westwardly in the most north and central area of Milford Twp. It would seem as though this sleepy, quiet little tributary of Bear Creek could only provide a pleasant place to relax but this was not the case in the spring of 1897.

Alta Harndon was a 21 year old girl who lived with her folks, the John Harndons, in the middle of Sec 4, on the south side of Dry Creek- probably on the site where Howard and Irene Jacobson, (and now Bob) lived for a number of years. (On the west side of 585th Ave.)

On the afternoon of the 19th of April 1897 she was last seen with a basket on her arm setting out to gather eggs. By supper time she had not returned and her family went looking for her. Just before dark her Dad found her drowned near a very shallow pool of water at Dry Creek. The official cause of death was listed as "drowning". Some question is raised although because she was lying completely out of the water (her garments were dry) and her face was not in the water. (But apparently the side of her head was in the water) No sign of a struggle was evident in the sand.

So what happened is lost to history. She may have been journeying to the next farm to visit her relatives who lived north of Dry Creek on the east side of the road and had some type of seizure and thought a cool drink of water could relieve her symptoms -- or who knows? But, it is one of those seemingly unnecessary unfortunate incidents that just seem to happen every once in a while.

1908 Girl's Burns Cause Her Death

In 1908 there was a tale in the papers about a young woman of 16 years of age who when using her apron to carry some small wood chips to the stove and putting them into the stove, caught her dress on fire and the resulting injuries caused her death.

This incident was reported as south of Roland (which could be in Milford or Howard Twp) but the death certificate reported the incident as occurring in Milford Twp.

From the 2 April 1908 Ames paper-- *"Anne Flattebo, a sixteen year old girl working at the house of Mrs. M.O. Anderson, at Roland, was burned to death Saturday.*

.....While preparing supper and using her apron for a chip basket last Saturday evening, the apron caught fire from the stove and burned the clothes off of Miss Anne Flattebo of Story City, a young girl about sixteen years old, who for the past year has been working for M. O. Anderson, south of town. The apron caught fire and immediately the flame spread all around the body. She rushed to the door and ran out in the yard calling for help.

.....A physician was immediately called and all done for her that could be, but death came as a relief Monday morning at six o'clock. The parents of the young lady live at Story City."

The 1905 Census has M.O. Anderson living in Howard Twp but the death certificate states the place of incident as being in Milford Township.

Multiple Children's Deaths in Families

It is interesting to note the number of families that had death take one or more of the youngsters. Tom Sowers had 10 children and, by 1900, 3 had died -leaving 7 still at home. Charles Minkler had six youngsters and 3 of them had died. Catherin Arrasmith, age 63, was the mother of 11 and five of them had died. The greatest loss, though, was the Catherine and John Born family who had nine children and every one of them had died. The Borns were not an elderly couple at the time of the 1900 census. Borns apparently lived in the SE quarter of Sec 18.

In more recent times the Irving and Christine Radabaughs lost both their children in tractor accidents in Milford Twp- Aug 1960 and Oct 1969.

1912 Child Drowns in Water Tank

Luvern Danielson, the two year old son of Mr and Mrs John Danielson, who lived on the south side of Sec one in Milford Twp, drowned in a large stock tank on the family farm.

"The little fellow, with his brother and father, had been around the barn and had been missing only a short time, when his father went to shut off the windmill he noticed a piece of cloth in the tank but thinking nothing more about it was about to go away when, on second thought, he looked into the tank and found his little son dead. It is thought that he strangled when he fell into the water."
Roland Record. 1912

Several years previous to this tragic incident, Mr and Mrs John Danielson's eldest son was killed by a horse running over him.

A Close Call

That same summer, 1912, just about a month after the incident in the previous story, a neighbor child, gender unmentioned in the newspaper, (Other sources revealed the baby was a boy) fell into a cistern and was nearly drowned. This happened on the Gudmund Hall farm about six miles southeast of Roland. There was a Hall family that owned the southeast 80 acres of Sec 10 but this would have been only five miles straight south of Roland- the Ingvald Hanson farm of the 1950's and then the Leo Tjelmeland farm. When the Hall family had a closing out sale in 1920, the directions to the farm said to go five miles south of Roland and three-quarters west.

From the Roland Paper of the time;

"Mrs. Hall was hoisting water from a cistern and while leaving the room for a minute had left the trap door to the cistern open Upon her return to the room, she asked the children, where the baby had gone, but they failed to tell anything and upon examination she found the little one in the cistern. It had fallen in, while the mother was away. She rushed for a ladder, but this was too wide for the opening. Then she tried to let down an older child in the hopes that it could reach the baby, but to no avail, and when she tried to get up she almost fell in with the second child.

A child was sent into the field after the father and he came rushing home and by their combined efforts he was let into the cistern and caught the floating body with his feet and finally succeeded to get out with the aid of his wife. The child was thought to be dead by this time, as nearly fifteen minutes had been consumed before they succeeded in getting the baby out of the water, but after a couple hours of hard work, they noticed that the baby's lips began to quiver and after more persistent work, the child regained consciousness and has since been feeling none the worse for the terrible experience."

That's what the paper said-- two hours of persistent work.

2 Drown in Stock Tank

The Lewis and Bertha (Hall) Rasmusson family had, in two separate incidents, two children drown in the stock tank. One was Fern, age 5 and the other was about three. These youngsters would be siblings of Jeff Rasmusson. No other details available.

1924 Unusual Funeral

Virgil George, son of Mr. and Mrs George A. Kimble, was born March 16, 1923 and passed away June 15, 1924, at the age of 15 months. He had been ill for three weeks with pneumonia and other complications. Internment was at the Nevada Cemetery. The Kimble family lived in the south of Sec 25 where the road turns back to the west. (A quarter mile east of School 7)

It's hard to imagine that there was a "dry eye in the house", particularly when four young neighbor girls served as pall bearers. These young ladies would have been in about the third or fourth grade. (And were probably dressed in white) They were Mabel Hanson (Milford '32); Dorothy Day, (Nevada '30); Bertha Sorem; and Dorothy Sowers (Milford '31). The Hanson family lived in the southwest corner of Sec 23. The Day family lived in the middle of Sec 36 where the Otto family later lived in the '50s and '60s. Dorothy Day and family left the Milford community between her sophomore and junior year of school. The Sowers family lived in the northeast corner of Sec 8 with frontage on the north-south road.

The Kimbles had three other children- Vivian (Milford 1927) (Pix pg 132), Dorothea (Milford 1930), and one brother, Lowell (Milford 1933).

1931 Fatal Accident- Narrow Escape

From the Nevada Journal, which tells it as well as it can be told at this time;

"Little Edwin Mann, two year old baby son of Mr. and Mrs Gaylon Mann, is under observation today after a miraculous escape from death, when run over by a motor car, while playing in the yard at Milford School, about 11:00 this forenoon.

The child was on his kiddie-kar just in front of a car belonging to ....., a student at the school. Not noticing the child, (the student) started his car in low and it passed over the kiddie-kar and the child, before the driver knew of the presence of the child.

The front wheel passed over the head of the child and the rear wheel across the chest. It is thought the position of the wrecked kiddie-kar was such as to take part of the weight (sic) off the child.

Mr. Mann hurried the child into town and to the office of Br. (Sic) Bowers, where an examination failed to indicate any serious injury to the little one.

There is the possibility of internal injuries and the baby will be kept under close observation to detect any that may develop.

It seems almost a miracle that the child could go through the experience without being crushed to death. The father was at a distance and witnessed the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann live in the cottage at Milford, where Mr. Mann has charge of the building as janitor and custodian of the grounds."

The name of the student has been omitted as it would serve no purpose, the article only informs that the incident occurred.

Vera Stevenson Tarman writes of her younger brother, Earl:

"I was 8 years old and it was hard for me to see someone replace me, especially when my Mother was nursing him.. I was also upset because my Mother had to be in bed instead of helping me.

Left; Vera Stevenson '32

1938 Death Claims Eighth Grader

Earl Stevenson at about ten years of age.

"My Grandmother was taking her (my Mother's) place. One day my Grandmother let me hold the baby and the baby smiled a me. From that time on I was hooked on this "doll" as I referred to this baby Eventually this doll was pulling himself up by a chair and would hold his hands out to me to take him- We became very close as brother and sister from then on."

Vera writes of the incident of her younger brother being ill-- "Our doctor was Dr Martin. He use to stop by to see Earl whenever he made a trip to the county farm which was about every other week. Sometimes he would bring his accordion and play for Earl. Earl loved that." She mentions that Earl had a bout of strep throat in the fall of 1937.

Adapted from the May 1938 Nevada Journal:

"Earl Stevenson, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs W.A. Stevenson of Milford township, died at 12:15 P.M. today (Tuesday, 24 May 1938) *at the Iowa sanitarium**, after an illness of several months from heart trouble.****

Taken ill in October of 1937, he had failed to respond to treatment and ten days ago was taken to the Iowa sanitarium for care and continued treatment under the family physician and specialists. Yesterday he grew rapidly worse and death came just after noon today.

Earl, an eighth grade student at Milford Consolidated School, leaves, besides his parents, his older sister Miss Vera, (Milford Twp 1932) & (Iowa State 1936) *a teacher in the Fernald schools, and a younger brother, Richard* (Milford Twp 1947).

The news of the death of this popular school boy comes as a distinct shock to the family and

friends where he was so well known and admired for his many fine qualities. He was a member of the Milford Hustlers 4-H Club and had a project of dairy cattle."

The W.A. Stevenson family moved from McCallsburg to the south side of Sec 26 of Milford Twp in the spring of 1923.

**Iowa Sanitarium was a large (40 bed), wooden, five storied hospital that was in south Nevada on the south side of the West Indian Creek that is at the south end of Seventh Street. It was destroyed by fire on 30 Jan 1943 with the lose of one life.

***Caused by a bout of Rheumatic Fever (RF) at age eight and then a recurrence of the disease at age 15. The reoccurrence can happen at any time there is a bacterial infection in the blood. Simple things, even cleaning the teeth, can cause this to happen. 40-80 % of RF patients develop pancarditis, an inflammation that affects all aspects of the heart. With the current program of antibiotics, which were not available in 1938, Earl would probably have overcome his original problem with RF. RF is a complication of, and very often follows, a bout of strep throat.

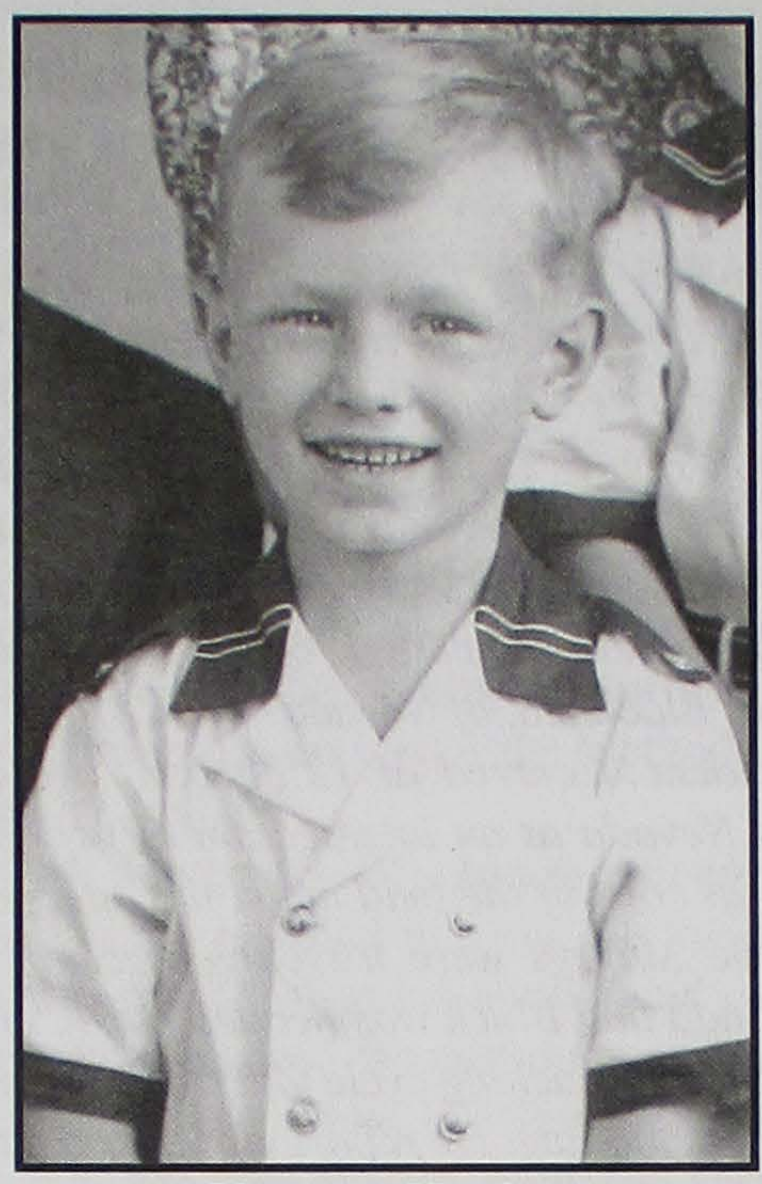
1944 Leukemia Hits Milford Twp

Adapted from the Nevada Journal of 28 April 1944:

Norman Rexford Hughes, eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rexford Hughes of Milford Township, and student in the third grade at the Milford Consolidated School, passed away at his home about 11;30 p.m. Tuesday. Norman has been suffering with leukemia since February and was in the Iowa Methodist Hospital for awhile.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the Nevada Methodist Church with Rev. O.E. Cooley in charge. Burial will be in the Pleasant Grove cemetery. A prayer service will precede the services at the church at 1:30 p.m. in the Hughes home.

A few memories from years later; I don't recall much about my older brother who died when I was six years of age. But I do recall that my folks had a bed set up for him in the northwest corner of the kitchen as that is where Mom spent most of her time. There were numerous trips to Des Moines to hopefully receive the miracle treatment that would stop the disease. Nothing



Norman Hughes
Edited from a family portrait of 1942

did. The War was on and Dad would give any serviceman who was hitchhiking, and many were, a ride to or from Des Moines.

After the Doctors told my folks nothing more could be done, my Dad brought Norman home one cold, raw, and windy overcast day, wrapped him in a big heavy blanket and carried him into the house to die. (Just Dad and Norman made this journey- Norman in the back seat)

A week or so later, after my Brother died, my Dad took the iron bed apart in which Norman had actually died, burned the bedding and took the metal parts to the machine shed and there it is still hanging on the wall sixty years later. That first morning after his death, when I came downstairs, the kitchen seemed so empty without that green iron bed in the corner and the house had a sullen gloomy quiet atmosphere that I had never experienced before even though there were a number of people accumulated there speaking in muffled voices.

I don't recall my folks ever mourning our lose, but over fifty years later, I found a cache of letters my Mom had received in a round robin letter exchange with her sorority sisters and apparently she had poured out her heart to these "sisters" and they had apparently told my folks- "to be strong for the other children's sake".

Norman Hughes would have been in the class of 1953.

Younger brother Dale Hughes, '55

1969 Double Motorcycle Deaths

From the Nevada Journal of 14 August 1969

"Death came swiftly early Wednesday afternoon to two Nevada youths on a motorcycle.
The victims were sons of Mr. and Mrs. Owen McVey of Route 2, Nevada. Terry Lyn McVey, 14, the driver of the vehicle, and his 10-year-old brother, David Wayne McVey, were killed instantly when their cycle struck a 1967 Chevrolet driven by Roy E. Black, 28, of Nevada.
The accident occurred at 12:50 p.m. two miles north of Nevada at an intersection of two gravel roads. Tall corn in the field made the intersection blind. The McVeys were traveling west on their 1967 Honda and Black was headed north. He did not see the approaching cycle until the last minute, when it was too late. He reportedly swerved to the left, but could not avert the collision."

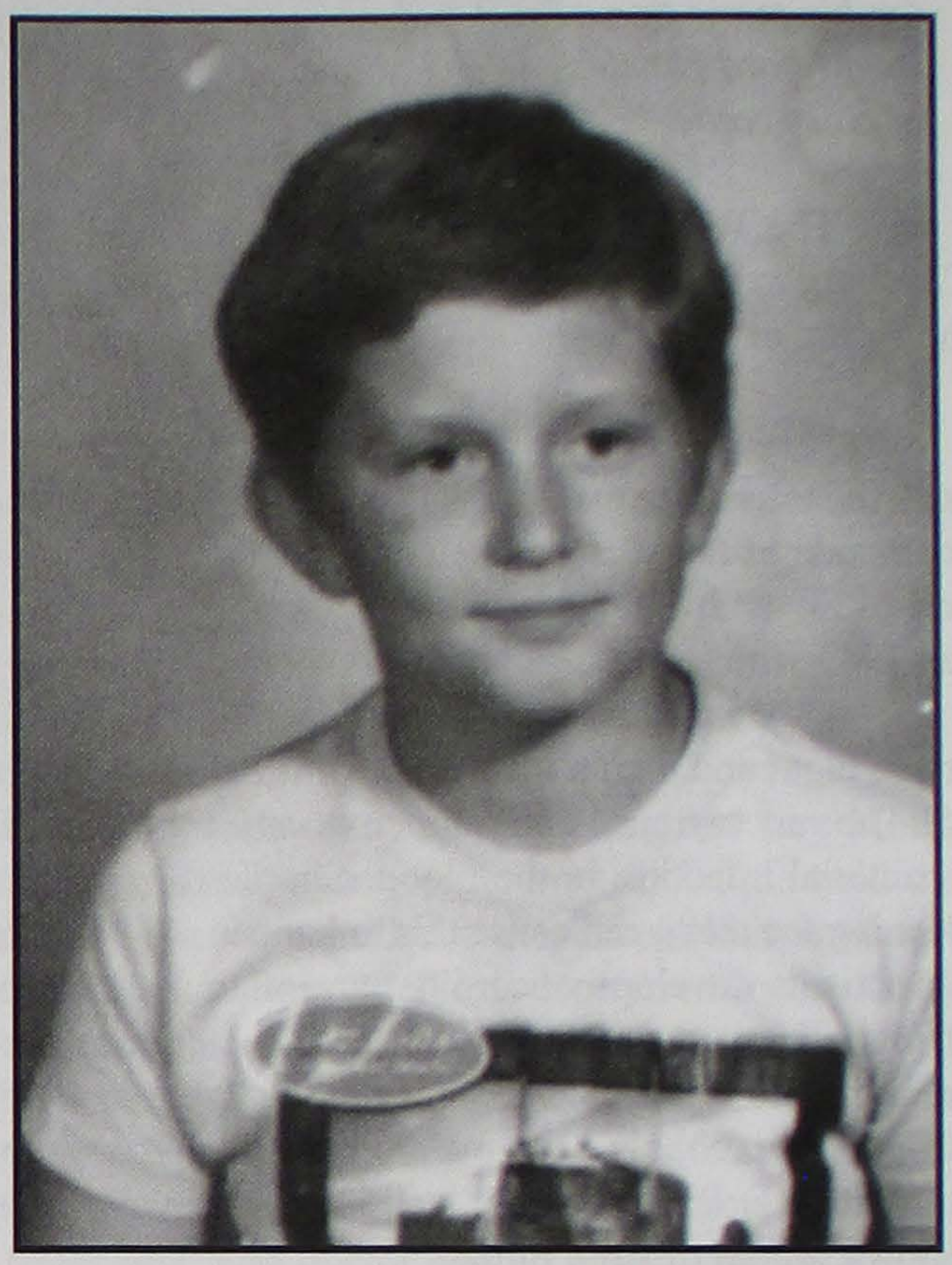
The McVeys, at the time, lived at the first place south of Milford Twp School and Terry was in the last kindergarten at Milford. They had four other sons- Ron '65, Gary '68, and Steven '70, at home and Dennis '68 in the U.S. Army in Germany.

Two days later, eighteen year old Rick Black, brother of Roy, was injured, along with three others, in a one car accident one mile north of old 30 and four miles east of Nevada.

Cemeteries of Milford Twp

--**Brouhard**, located in the middle of Sec 5 was a family cemetery. The Brouhard family was one of the earliest settlers in Milford Twp- arriving in 1853 or '54. This is the place where, at present, there is only one stone, that of a young girl. Anna Brouhard, who, when she had lung congestion, directly inhaled the contents from a steaming teakettle, burned the insides of her throat and died from the results of that on 28 Mar 1856. Apparently this stone has been moved about half way down the hill from its original location. Dorothy Sowers Bielefelt reported there was a large number, "over twenty stones", in place at the top of the hill in the WWI era. That area is now farmed.
--**Pleasant Grove** in the NE of Sec 7- begun in 1877.
--**Knoll** is at the County Home in the north of Sec 35 and used only for the residents of the County Home.
--**Evergreen**, the newest, 1964, and largest cemetery, is in the center of Sec 36.

1985 Farm Incident Kills Milford Lad



Rexford Lowell Hughes
Would have been in class of 1992

Little Rex Hughes*, 11, only son of Loyd and Loretta Hughes, suffocated in a large wagon of corn being unloaded by his maternal grandfather. The incident happened at the Hughes family farm on the west side of Sec 14. Loyd and Loretta lived on the east side of Sec 8.

Saturday, Nov 2nd, 1985, was a beautiful warm fall day in Milford Twp and everyone was busy trying to complete the corn harvest. The youngsters were out of school and many were attempting to do their self appointed share to serve the effort. As might be expected, Little Rex was assisting his grandfather in unloading the grain wagons. At about 1 PM Little Rex was sitting on a corner edge of a 650 bushel wagon watching the corn flowing from the wagon and for an unknown reason, went into the grain.

Whether he fell asleep or dropped something into the corn and attempted to retrieve it will never be known but the flowing corn drug him under. Grandfather's attention, at the time, was taken with the project of reinstalling the grain bin door and when he noticed the corn was not flowing as it typically did,

he investigated and found the form of the lad partially impeding the corn flow. Little Rex had been around farm equipment and farming all his life, so other than normal concern, there was no reason to be apprehensive about his safety.

The 911 medics were called and CPR was begun before their arrival. The lad was taken to the Nevada Hospital and then life-flighted to Des Moines. Efforts for revival were discontinued at about 10 P.M.

There were two young men suffocated in corn wagons that beautiful fall day in Iowa; one at Milford Twp and the other in the northeast corner of the state.

*He was referred to as "Little Rex Hughes" to distinguish him from his paternal grandfather "Rex Hughes", 1909-1957.

Fatal Traffic Accidents in Milford Twp

The earliest fatal traffic accident found that happened within Milford Twp was on 12 Aug 1930 when Mrs **Harriet Davidson Swearingen**, 19, was killed when she put a friend's car, Morris Johnsen, 18, of Nevada, in the ditch near the Erickson farm. Apparently the Erickson farm was in the NW of Sec 11, (the Tendall Farm). She severely cut her leg and bled to death. Johnsen, with a severe gash in his knee, ran to the Erickson Home and summoned help but it was too late for Harriet.

1960 **Kenneth Alcott**, at Dayton Park curve.

1969 (plus or minus a year) **Bert and Mertle Arneson** were killed at the Barlett corner- E29 & S14.

1979 April 2; **Linda Jo Rhodes**, 23, and her unborn child, of Zearing died in an early morning collision with a Roland Transport grain truck driven by Argyle Cole at the intersection of E29 and S14. Linda's husband, Larry, was the driver of the westbound car that apparently failed to stop and yield at the stop sign at E29 and was hit broadside by the southbound truck. Larry, although critically injured, survived the incident and Argyle received only minor injuries when the vehicles ended up in the ditch southwest of the impact point. The Rhodes had two other children, ages 4 and 2. Linda's maiden name was Wallace.

1986 December 21; **Brenda Bayliff**, 22, of Dell City, Oklahoma, died in an early morning incident along I-35 when her southbound semi truck left the Bear Creek bridge approach and became airborne and crashed into the creek embankment on the south side of Bear Creek. This location would be in the very north of Sec 5 of Milford Twp.

1987 June 17; **Larry Dean Hill**, 40, and his wife **Laura Jean Hill**, 40, of 308 S. Riverside, Ames were killed in a two car collision at the corner of 590 Avenue and 170 Street. This location is two miles north of the Milford School. The Hills were southbound on 590 and were broadsided by a westbound vehicle driven by Mark and Kathi Jo Evans of RR2 Nevada and the vehicles ended up in the ditch southwest of the intersection. The accident occurred at 6:10 in the evening so it is suspected that the setting sun played some part in the collision. Larry died at the scene and Laura died a couple hours later at the Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

1993 September 27; **James Vernon Gilbert** of McCallsburg was killed in a one car incident about 10:30 in the evening when his northbound car left S14 (620 Ave) and went into the east ditch and rolled. He was about half mile south of 160 Street that is Milford's north border. He was thrown from the vehicle. This location would be very close to the John Sorem residence.

2000 October 25; **Loraine Joy Bobbe**, 67, of Huxley, was killed about 3:30 in the afternoon when she was headed south on 610 Ave at 170 Street, (two miles east and two miles north of Milford School) and her pickup was broadsided by another pickup driven by Gerald Wayne Carter, 71, of Zearing. She was an Ames Tribune Newspaper carrier. This location is about a quarter mile west of the Morris Danielson home.

2001 Oct 6; **Jeremy Thompson**, 25, of Ellsworth, Iowa, died from injuries sustained in a car accident. He was the driver of a westbound automobile that ran off the "T" intersection at E29 (190 Street) and Dayton Rd and hit an embankment. He was the father of three sons.

2002 June 6; There's confusion in the history books about the location of this incident. The Story County Sheriff's Dept and the Nevada Journal, who probably received their report from the Sheriff's Dept, report this incident happened at 580 Ave and Old 30-Lincolnway. However, the Dept of Transportation's official records say it happened at 170 Street and 580 Ave which would be a mile west and two miles north of Milford School. A man, **Chris Hovick** was killed while walking southbound on 580 Ave after dark when he was hit by a pickup driven by Gary Kingsbury, 45, of Ames.

2003 July 29; **Alexander Partridge** was killed in a two car collision at E29 and S14 (190 Street and

620 Avenue) when he failed to stop and yield at a stop sign. Partridge was westbound and was hit broadside by a northbound Lincoln Towncar driven by Judy Gose of Nevada. In the car with Partridge were ChristopherOppedal, 18, of Nevada and Jaclyn Baker, 15, of Nevada. Gose was in fair condition the following morning at Mary Greeley Medical Center and Oppedal was in good condition. Baker was never admitted to the hospital. Picture taken during the winter of 2007 at the northwest corner of E-29 and S-14.

Milfordites killed in Traffic outside Milford Twp

G. W. Weyrauch, Supt at Milford, was killed in a car-train incident in early April of 1929. Further details on page 62.

Dorothy Smith, age 25, daughter of one time Principal (1920-1924) Mrs Fred A Smith of Milford, was killed in Chicago in March circa 1932.

Boyd Arrasmith, 23, son of AA Arrasmith, was killed east of Ames on Thirteenth Street on 29 August 1941, in a motorcycle incident. He graduated Milford with the class of 1935 and was the younger brother of Max Arrasmith '32. There are two slightly different versions of the incident. Boyd was headed west on 13th Street into Ames on the gravel. East of the River, on the south side of the road, at the top of the grade down to the river, there was a drive way that went into a hog disease station. A Semi was turning left into this drive when Boyd was attempting to pass this vehicle. One report said he went under the truck and the other said he swerved his machine and in doing so lost control of it and went into the ditch and Boyd received fatal injuries. The incident happened on Thursday, 28 August in the daylight of the morning and he survived, unconscious, until 1:30 p.m. Friday 29 August 1941. A sidelight to this unfortunate incident was that a week later a truckload of five motorcycles from the Milford Area was taken to Des Moines and sold.

Mrs William Hansen, age 39, of Milford Twp was killed in a two car incident north of Colo on Hiway 65 on Sunday, 22 Feb 1942. The vehicle was driven by her husband and had just pulled onto the hiway when it was struck by a southbound car. Injured in the incident were son Charles, age 9, and daughter Sally, age 16, both with skull fractures and her husband.

Wilma Moore '27 and her husband, Tom Erickson, were both killed south of Huxley on Highway 69 in the ?late forties- early fifties?

Earl McCord, age 57, who was the steward at the Story County Home since 1 July 1935, was killed in a traffic incident seven miles south of Iowa Falls on 14 April 1947. Also killed in the incident was the 83 year old driver of the other car. Mrs McCord was not seriously injured but suffered face lacerations and many bruises.

Merril Johnson, Milford Twp '44, was killed in a traffic accident 6 Feb 1956 two miles east of Ames on the Lincoln Highway when his 1955 Ford ran under the rear of a semi. He lived two miles south of the North Grant School and was the father of three youngsters. In one of the ironies of life, he was the cousin of Stanley Tjernagel, 20, of Roland, who was killed in similar type accident about 8 miles north of Ames on Highway 69 on 27 July 1955 when the vehicle, driven by Tjernagel, ran under the rear of a semi stopped for a construction project. Killed with Tjernagel, were Hollis Fosse, 22, of Roland, and Darlene Sydness, 22, of Huxley. Darlene Sydness was the sister of Janet who married the basketball star Gary Thompson of Roland. Gary had reportedly been with this group of young people that day but, at the last minute, got into a different vehicle.

L.P. "Pete" Sorensen, 67, and his son-in-law, **Raymond G. Ayers**, 45, were killed about 5:30 28 Feb 1957 when their car slid into a semi west of the tile factory west of Nevada on Hiway 30. Burial was at the Nevada Cemetery.

Raymond "Shorty" Tendall, was killed in railroad crossing incident in Nevada at the Second Street crossing on 13 Feb 1958 while headed home for lunch in a pickup. He was just 33 years of age and left a wife, a son and two daughters. He was a 1943 graduate of Milford.

McVey Bros were killed in 1969. See page76.

Alma Grindem, age 72, retired from the Matron Position at the Story Co Home, was killed in Joliet Ill in Sept of 1973. Her husband,Irving, who was driving, survived.

Ed Sorensen, of Runnells, 1937 graduate of Milford Twp, died in an automobile accident near Altoona in May of (probably) 1978. He had been a veteran of WWII. He left a family of a wife, 2 daughters and 2 sons. He was the son of Peter Sorensen.

Verna Borton, age 88, was struck west of Mt Vernon, Iowa, on Hiway 30 on 1 April 2002 and died 17 April. She had gotten out of her car to clear the windshield in a snow shower and a car, out of control, hit her.

Earl Johnson '43 killed on US30 E of Boone 2007.

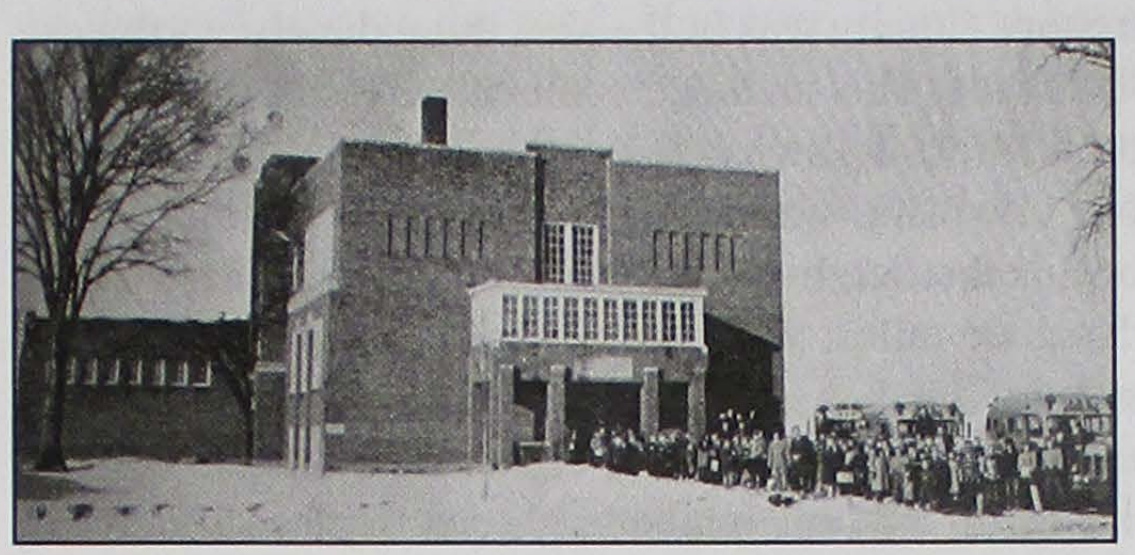
As a footnote; the seat belt law became effective on 1 Jan 1987 after a 6 month "grace" period from 1 July 1986-31 December 1986.

As an informational footnote: It was in 1926 that Federal Gov quit using names for the highways ie; Jefferson, Wilson etc. and on 1 Sept 1928 that the Boy Scouts, in an elaborate nationwide coordination, coast to coast, set the 275 pound posts to mark the Lincoln Highway route. There were 254 posts distributed along the route through Marshall, Story, Boone, Greene, and Carroll Counties and they were all supposed to be placed at a specific time on the 1 Sept 1928.

CHAPTER V

About Our Schools

Some History



1850's Poverty School in Starvation Hollow

Poverty Schoolhouse, in Starvation Hollow, a few miles southeast of Story City, was one of the earliest, and perhaps the earliest school to be used by the folks of Milford Twp and southwest Howard township. Students from northeast Franklin and southeast Lafayette townships were probably present also. The exact location of the school was two and three quarters mile north of Milford Township just on the east side of the Skunk River in the middle of Sec 19 of Howard Township.

Families came from both up and down the river many miles to attend school and other get-togethers here. The school was built in 1856 as the first public school building in the area although another school to the northeast had preceded it by a year. Both Hiney Honderd and "Hack" Horness (father of five Milford Twp students from 1937-1961) spoke of this school and used the names of Poverty School and Starvation Hollow. (I had the impression from visiting with these gentlemen that the school was located further south in the vicinity of the "H" tree or perhaps even further south.) Mr Horness and Mr Honderd seemed to enjoy the name of Poverty School in Starvation Hollow and referred to the area from about Pleasant Grove Church and up to the "H" tree as Starvation Hollow. There was a little talk when the county was giving consideration to naming the roads of Story County, and putting up signs to that effect, of calling that drive from Pleasant Grove north to the "H" tree as Starvation Hollow Drive or Poverty Gulch. But more "ennobling" interests prevailed and named it "Pleasant Valley Drive".

Poverty School was a building of logs with the desks being a board resting on pegs in the log walls and the seats for the scholars built on the same principle as a milk stool, except these were the modern ones with four legs. The building was used for meetings of every nature from school, to politics, to religious revivals. When this building was removed is not known. (Probably when Pleasant Grove and Sheffield Schools got started.) The folks who lived in the Sec 7 area of Milford Twp went to Bloomington during the late 1850's and Pleasant Grove school, apparently, was started in the late '50's in the southeast corner of Sec 7 and then relocated, possibly, in 1862 to the northeast corner of Sec 7. Milford School (Subdistrict Number Four) was in existence by 1863.

The Sheffield School,on the north side of Sec 31 in Howard Twp, a mile from Milford Twp, was built in the summer of 1859.

1869 Milford Township Rural Schools

A Nevada Paper in the spring of 1869 gave the following information about Milford Twp:

"The Township has three organized school districts and as many good frame school houses."

These three schools would, most likely, be-- 1) Pleasant Grove School, 2) the school two miles south (which was called Milford School - this one was in place by 1863), 3) The third probably was the Blackberry School (Referred to as the Blueberry School by

some) which was subdistrict "Number 2". This school was located in the southwest corner of Sec four-- two miles east of Pleasant Grove. This little notice implies that the brick school at Pleasant Grove had not been constructed at that time. (And this was the case as the brick structure was not constructed until 1884 or '85.)

This information (of three schools) is a little surprising as the second or third school district founded in Story County was in the area immediately northwest of Nevada. This included some of the territory that was to be Milford Township but this occurred before Milford Township was formed in 1858. No size is given for this district, but it, in itself, included perhaps 16 or 25 square miles. When this district was changed is unknown.

By 1873 there were eight of the nine schools in place with School Number eight put in place about this time. By 1875 all nine schools were in existence.

The mention in the paper of school districts would, in the near future, actually come to mean subdistricts as Milford Township Consolidated School was actually an independent school district of itself and the nine one room schools were the subdistricts. Four of these nine schools were conveniently located one mile in from each corner of the 6 mile by 6 mile square township. Then there was a school half way between each of these four schools with one (Center, or Curtiss, or Smith School) in the center of the township.

There exists a record by J.W. Sowers, whose father was one of the earlier settlers in the area southeast of Story City, (and J.W. was a big landowner in northwest Milford Twp) in which J.W. states that the Pleasant Grove School was located a mile south of where the present Pleasant Grove Church is; "in the SE of the SE of the SE of Sec 7". He's very distinct in this assertion. He also states that Milford School (No4) is in the northwest corner of Sec 20 while the subdistrict No4 school of post Civil War times was in the southeast of Sec 18. If he's correct in these locations, and there is no evidence to the contrary, the question arises as to when Pleasant Grove School was relocated to the NE of Sec 7. An assumption might be that this occurred in 1862 when legislation was passed establishing a pattern for the location of the subdistricts.

Ol' Milford Farmer think: Today is day for firm decisions, or maybe not.

1871 Subdistrict School Number 7 Expanded

From the 19 Oct. 1871 Nevada Paper-- Concerning the action of the Story County Board of Supervisors---

Also the following preamble and resolution was adopted by the Board; (of Supervisors)
"Whereas, a petition has been presented by the tax payers of Milford Township asking appropriation to enlarge the school house in subdistrict No. 7 and.
Whereas, the State law fails to make provision for the education of pauper children, therefore be it
Resolved, that the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated out of the Poor Farm Fund for the purpose of building an addition of 12 X 20 feet on said school house, said sub-district paying balance of expenses for said improvement, and provided further, that the county paupers have the full benefit of said school, and that said amount be place in the hands of T. Kindlespire for expenditure, he to report at January session"

Subdistrict School Number 7 was the one room school furthest to the southeast in Milford Township, closest to Nevada. This is the school that was later known as the Tarman School as Mr Tarman owned the ground south across the road. (Mr Tarman lived where the Neasham family lived in the '40's and '50's) This also is the one room school that was the closest to the Story County Farm which, at the time was called the "Poor Farm'. Story County Poor Farm was located in the northern half of Sec 35 and the school was in the very southwestern corner of Sec 25, roughly 1/2 mile apart.

Eighth Grade Graduation 1917

On Saturday, 9 June 1917, those who graduated from the three Schools in the west portion of Milford Twp were Ida Jacobs from District Three; LeVeta Auld and Laress E. Day from District Four; and Frank Warren and Severene Tegland form District Nine.
District Three is Pleasant Grove School and Ida Jacobs later married Rhiner Honderd and they were the parents of Rhoda, '50, and Norman, '57, Honderd.

1880 Confare School in Milford Twp

In the May 1880 Nevada Paper there was a short announcement:

" Mrs Potter and Mrs Allen will hold a temperance meeting at the Confare School House, in Milford Township, on Sunday next at 3 p.m. "

Evidence exists that School Number one (which was on the west side of 610 Av. at 170th Street) was called the "Hegland" School and that "Confare" School was Number 6, which would have placed it on the northeast corner of Sec 23 (Also on 610 Ave and 190 Street). The Confare family, a few years later (1883), owned land in the north parts of Secs 13 and 14 which would have placed their property about halfway between schools One and Six. The names of the schools were often the names of the director of the subdistrict schools so the name of the landowner nearest the school might not be the name of the school. The director was responsible for the hiring of the teacher, keeping the coal bin full, upkeep, etc on that school. This policy of referring to the school by the name of the director caused the name of the school to change every so often and so, now, years later, it can be confusing and complicated to place a correct name on a particular school.

In the early twentieth century S.O. Heglands owned land a quarter mile south of number one school on the east side of the road. However, it might have been a little confusing to the people of the area as there was another Hegland School in Sec 19 of Howard Twp, just six miles away, again near land owned by Ole Hegland.

Below: This fantastic 1920 picture, from Mabel Hansen Alfred, shows the class of 1932 in the first grade. This school is located at the Sec 15 site. In the front row left, is an uncomfortable looking Joe Alfred and the young lady to his left is Mabel Hansen. They were later wed. Between (behind) them is Otis Cole and the tall lad in the back is Floyd Twedt. 35 Students started in the class of 1932 and 17 graduated , the largest from Milford Township School. This was the first- first grade class to start School at the Consolided School Site in Sec 15. See pages

1923 Cornerstone- With the 1954 Milford Merry Maids

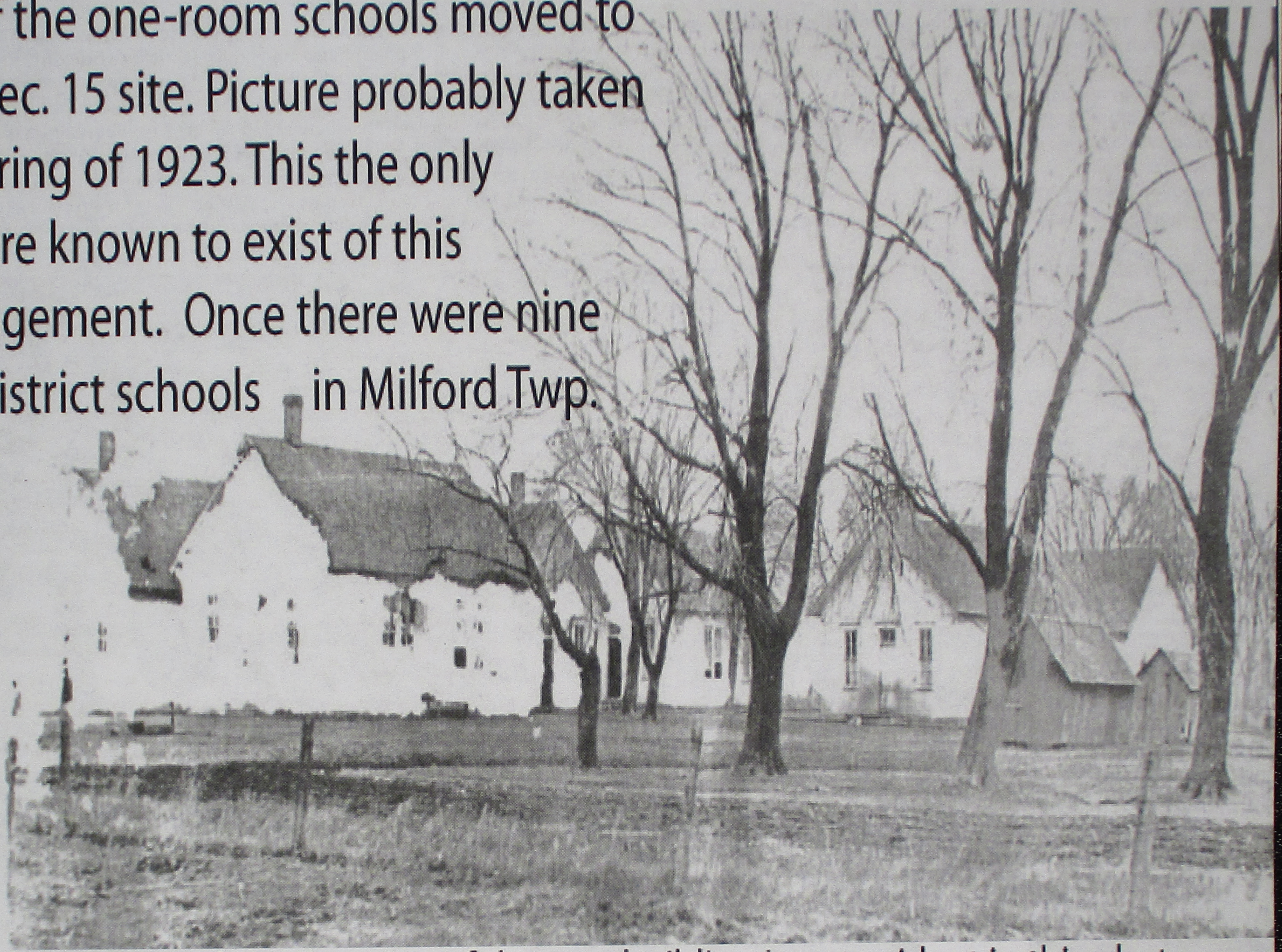
Left to Right; Norene Hughes, Janet Simonsen, Marcia Jacobson, Judy Jorgensen, Shirley Groomes, Sandra Nelson, Jurine Borton, Sandra Mortvedt, Marlene Morfey, Janet Rasmusson, Ruth Warren. These young ladies were the Milford Merry Maids 4-H Club of 1953-'54. They are posed in front of the southwest corner of the Milford Twp school right in front of the cornerstone of the school. The camera is looking to the north-northeast. The date is engraved -- 1923. This is the date of the start of the construction of the school building. The school was completed in the spring of 1924 and classes were started in the new building in March of 1924. This cornerstone was opened, from the inside of the building, in the late summer of 1991 when the school passed from the control of the school board. The contents were in quite good shape. There were two histories (one very brief), two newspaper, three coins, and some pictures. The items, except for the pictures, which have disappeared, were available for viewing at the Supt's office at the Nevada Community School. Hopefully, whoever removed the photos is supplying them with a safe environment and a good home. The Nevada Public Library has zeroxed copies of the two histories in a notebook about the history of the Nevada Community School in the reference section. One of these copies contains the names of about 250-300 people who, at one time or other, taught in the rural schools of Milford Township.

2007 view with some beautiful Milford farmland in view, too.

1923 Cornerstone Laid

The Grand Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. of Iowa Masons, assisted by the Masons from the Nevada lodge, laid the cornerstone of the Milford Township Consolidated School during a ceremony on the afternoon of Monday 21 August 1923. A large crowd from all parts of Story County was in attendance.

Six of the one-room schools moved to the Sec. 15 site. Picture probably taken in Spring of 1923. This the only picture known to exist of this arrangement. Once there were nine subdistrict schools in Milford Twp.



The location and construction of the new building is not evident in this photo.

1924 All School Picture: The School, completed in time for classes to be held in March of 1924, serves as backdrop for the assemblage of the students in the fall of 1924. At the time, the highest class students would have just started eleventh grade. The staff seems to be congregated in front of the door and so question is made concerning five, six, or seven of the fellows in the back row on the far right in the photo below. It has been suggested that some of these fellows might be hack drivers and the fellow with the bow tie may be the Janitor. It is reported that, for the start of the school year of 1924, there were no male staff members other than Mr Gill, the Superintendent. Identification of the students, with few exceptions, is quite difficult because of the large turnover in student population. For example, the class of 1932, who, in this photo would have been in the fourth grade, started with 35 or so students in the first grade, so that would mean that perhaps as many as 17 or 18 fourth grade students would be extremely difficult to name. Other than Margaret Hereim and her beau Willard Gilreath, who are in front of the column to the right of the door, the others are unidentified. It is thought the lad with the tie and glasses in the second row in front of the right door is Amil Twedt and the tall, for his age, blond fellow eighth from the right in the third row is Floyd Twedt.

Some very uncertain identification of some of the nine fellows in the top row right: Left to Right: Ray Danielson, George Allen, John Hereim, George Hansen, U, Huber Wilson, U, U, U. See page 16 for an enlargement of the center section.

In 1923, at the Eighth graduation, Milford students George Allen, Ray Danielson, Enoch Durby, Vera M. Eubank, Opal Fisher, Clyta Graham, George Hanson, Vivian Kimble , and Leota Pond received diplomas at the Nevada High School auditorium on 9 June 1923.

In 1924, there were nine students who graduated from the 8th grade; Juanita Babbit, Laurence Durby, Marion Gilreath, twins Bernice and Bernita Howland, Frederick Smith, Jeanette Sowers, Grace Sampson and Wayne Slocum.

In 1925 Ethel Burley, Viola Danielson, Ruth Durby, Kimble Peterson, Lena Funk, Thomas King graduated eighth grade.

In 1926: Fifteen graduates: Genevieve Curtis, Kenneth Dawson, Marie Danielson, Herbert Ericson, Jean Frey, Gladys Hanson, Margaret Hereim, Anna Hovland, Dorothy Kimble, Florence King, John King, John Krug, Corrinee Laymon, Thelma Peterson, Earl Prescott.

In 1932, the eighth grade graduating class had all boys. (Seniors of 1936. They gained three girls before they graduated) Joe Alfred, Fay Beal, Virgil Brooks, Joe Burley, Leonard Dueland, Edward Eller, Keith Eubanks, Marvin Jacobson, Earl Lee, Henry Peterson, Laverne Sorensen, and Donald Starbuck.

The 1930 All School Photo:
Left half this page and right half on the opposite page. Very few students in this photo have identified, however, the tall blond fellow near the cornerstone is Floyd Twedt and the third to his left is Joe Alfred. the two gentlemen on the far right are Coach Arvid Lein and Supt Ralph Morgan. Four of the seven adult ladies near the right side are, in no order, Flora Wise, Evelyn Walker, Ruth Fox, and Virginia Kelley.
Families that had 3 generations educated in the Milford site between 1927 and 1991: Brodies, Brooks and Tjelmelands.

Families of four or more in which ALL the youngsters in that family graduated within the thirty five years, '27-'61 of the High School's existence. Brooks and Burleys each had seven siblings graduate from Milford, Harold Matters had five and Otis Warren had four, as did Watsons (all boys).

Some of multi-generation farm families are:
Four Generations; Morfeys, Brodies, Tjelmelands, and Brooks.
Five Generations; Day/Couser.
Six Generations; Hughes

1924 Superintendent House 1941

Kermit Molde, Class of 1941

This photo, probably taken in the spring 1941, shows Kermit Molde at the northwest corner of the original gym. The photographer is looking to the north/northeast with the superintendent's house in the background. The article is labeled as 1924 because that is the probable date of construction of this house.

The house is a remodeling of one, possibly two, of the original schoolhouses that had been moved onto the SW corner of Sec 15 in the very late teens, early twenties. At the time of the remodeling from a school to a house, a basement was dug and formed and then the house was pulled over the basement. One school stood at this location and eventually five others were moved here. At the turn of the twentieth century, there had been eight wooden and one brick "one room schools" located within Milford Township.

The concept for the facility was that the superintendent and his family would occupy the lower floor of the house and any single teacher so desiring could have the option of using the upstairs room- rooms- as living quarters. How many, and for how long this option was used, is not known, but following the War, no single teachers are remembered to have used this facility. However, in 1936, any teacher desiring to live at the teacherage, as it was called, would have been charged $16 a month which included heat and lights.

A pattern developed that some teachers were getting a job at Milford and then, perhaps, finding a better paying job, would quit. The School Board started requiring the teacher to forfeit $50 to get out of the contract and this is what happened to Mrs Horner. This was a great deterrent as the salary was in the $90 a month range.

Later, Glen Sampson '43, reports that three single teachers did live at the Christy farm located 1/2 mile north of the school on the east side. The personnel he recalls as having lived at the Christy's taught at Milford Community School in 1930. He reports that they walked to school on days when that was possible.

Although most everyone these days, if they think about it at all, recalls this as being the Superintendents' house, it was not always the situation. In 1930-31 we have information that the Janitor, Mr Gaylan Mann, lived in this home (called a 'cottage' at the time) and in 1928-'29 Mr Weyrauch, the Supt, lived in Ames; so, perhaps this was the situation for a few years. Mr Mann was the janitor for at least nine school years, 1931-1939.

The house in the photo was used as a single family dwelling until 1991 at which time the entire property was sold by the Nevada School District. The Milford Township School High School students merged into Nevada School District in 1961.

1924 Fire Threatens Our School

From the Nevada Paper of 31 Dec 1924--

"When a gasoline tank exploded in the boiler room of the new hundred thousand dollar school plant in Milford Township, at an early hour this morning, damage to the interior of the room, the generator, electrical wiring, gasoline engine and other equipment, amounting to $2,500 was done, according to the statement of Superintendent Lester Gill, this afternoon.

Howard Banks, janitor and fireman, was in the boiler room about six o'clock, about to fill the tank to the gasoline engine, when the fumes from the gasoline tank ignited, possibly from the front of the boiler, and an explosion followed, which threw the blazing gas over the room.

Mr Banks, who was alone at the time was burned, but not seriously. He, at once, called Superintendent Gill at the Christy home and Gill and Christy were soon on the job, fighting with Banks and they soon had the flames extinguished by smothering them down with ashes.

Mr Gill stated that the damage would probably reach $2,500 to the boiler room and equipment, which would be covered by insurance.

The heating plant was not so badly damaged that it cannot be operated and school is being held there today.

An appeal was made to Nevada for help but before the firemen could get together to start with the truck, a second call advised them that a trip would be useless as the danger was over."

Milford Twp school building was, at this time, a very new facility as it had been completed and occupied since March of 1924 and this was the end of December.

Three things stand out in this article about this incident-

1) The superintendent did not live at the school site as was the custom in the '40s and '50s. The custodian was the occupant of the cottage on-site, just to the north of school. (The house on the southeast corner of the school property, that most remember as the Janitor's house, was placed there in 1946.) The superintendent lived at the Christy's, a half mile to the north on the east side of the road. Later, in the late '20s, Superintendent Weyrauch lived in Ames and Janitor Mann lived on-site during the '30s.

2) There was good telephone service to the north to Christy's and to Nevada.

3) There was school being held during the Christmas holiday "vacation".

Less than two months later, there appeared an ad in the Nevada paper announcing the upcoming auction of the generator plant and 56 batteries. No mention is made of the condition of the plant but the ad mentioned that it could be used to power a farm's electrical needs.

This ad, to dispose of the electric generator, seems to question the accepted concept that the electric line to Milford Twp School from Nevada was completed in the summer of 1925. (Electric lines were put in place to the School in 1925.) However, one explanation could be that the insurance company was quick to make a settlement and that the damage was corrected or another unit may have been purchased and this unit was used to light the school until the summer of 1925. No ad was found to indicate the sale of a second unit but perhaps this unit would not have sold until much later and it served as a backup for power to the school for years. It was not in place, however, in the late '40s.

Furthermore, if a fire were to have burned for the time that it would be imagined that it took Gill and Christy to get to the school to assist in smothering the flames, it speaks well of the fireproofness of the structure.

If school were to be held that very day, 31 Dec. 1924, the question of water supply for the school is brought to mind and how, without electricity, was the well operated? One could imagine that no lights in the rooms would be an inconvenience, but not disabilitating to operations; but, no water, that's another problem.

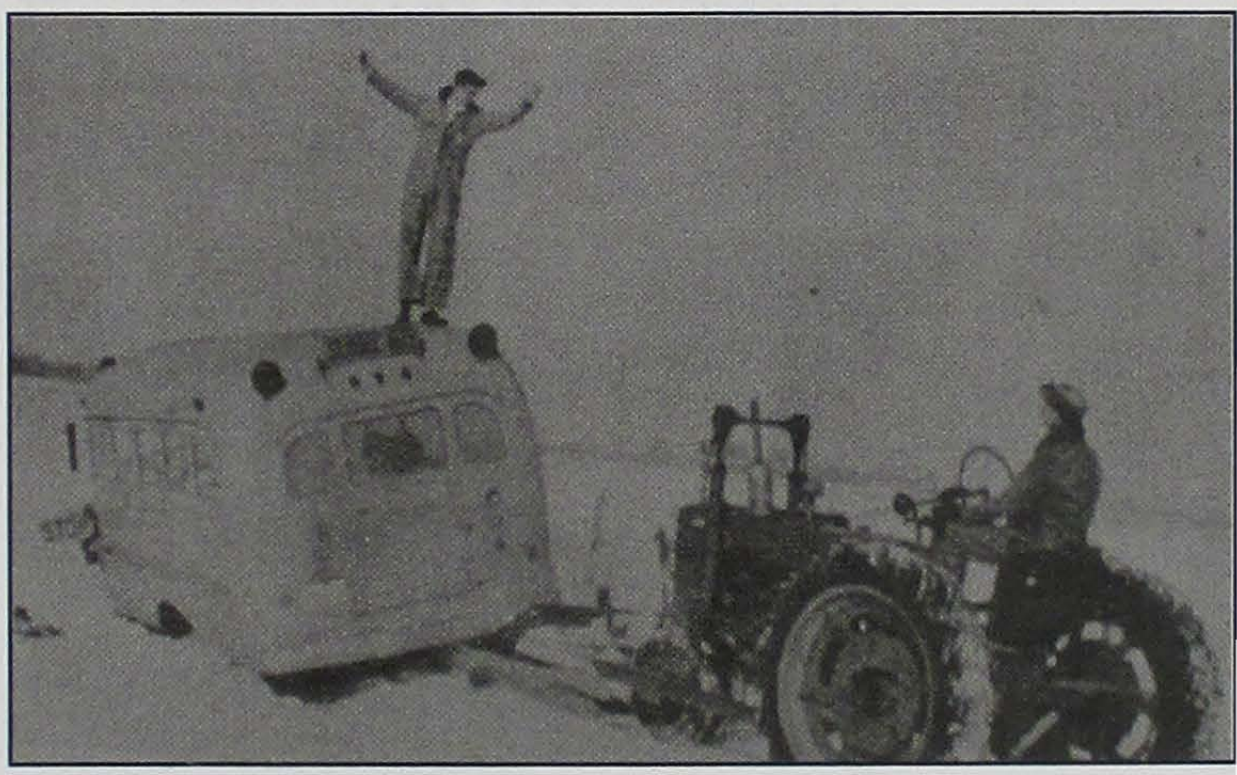
1927 Horse Drawn School Busses Stuck

This interesting little clip appeared in the April 1927 paper:

"Several (Milford Twp Consolidated) horse drawn busses were unable to get through the mud last Thursday and the pupils were compelled to walk to school as it took almost all morning to dig the busses out of the mud."

Reports are that the busses got stuck in the low ground just a quarter mile or so north of the school and this would explain the use of the word "several" as the routes would start to overlap when getting closer to the school.

Apparently, the fellows, in their attempt to free the vehicles, double teamed the horses and were successful in pulling the front end out from under one of the busses. No mention is made of the cost of replacing the broken parts but there is mention that the matter had to be financially covered.



Two 1950 drivers get an early morning workout and obtain an education in freeing a bus from a snowbank that "came out of nowhere" and postponed the trip to school. Bus driver information starts on page 175.

Ol' Milford Farmer find: Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

1933 Corn Husking Vacation -Also 1949

"Milford Consolidated school closes Friday evening for two weeks, generally known as the 'Corn Husking Vacation'. This will give the larger boys in school an opportunity to help on the farm, as well as the bus drivers and others to devote more of their time to garnering the bountiful crop of corn that Milford township acres have grown."

This notice appeared in the Nevada paper in the middle of Oct. in 1933. How much of a vacation this would have been for the larger boys in school could be debated but the younger students sure looked forward to the cessation of the monotonous routine in the "life of a student". Milford Twp was somewhat unique in this vacation. Milford Twp was exclusively rural and agriculture and it was very logical that this event would occur to supplement the labor situation. The larger city schools did not have this vacation.

The tradition of the vacation for corn harvesting continued until shortly after WWII. However, in the fall of probably 1949, the entire student body of Milford Twp, went, en masse, with the possible exception of some of the younger grades, to a few of the neighboring fields to pick up ears of corn that had fallen to the ground.*

A flat bed trailer with a foot high board around the edge would be pulled behind a tractor. The idea was that the student would pick up an ear and place it on the trailer. Shortly, a game developed in which the student would see from how far away he could throw an ear and have it stay on the wagon. It was rather dangerous to be near the wagon when this competition developed. I don't recall anyone getting hit too solidly.

When the task (and game) was completed, the farmer would share (perhaps 50-50) the corn with the students, or perhaps give the corn to the students to sell, or perhaps buy the corn back from the students. The number of bushels would be "guesstimated" in most cases and every one would be happy. The farmer wouldn't have to deal with as much "volunteer" corn in next year's crops and now he had some corn already on the rack to feed to the livestock. The school, or class, would have some money for a class project. And probably, most important to the students, they had legitimately gotten out of a day's classes and had some fun out of doors.

*The situation of ears of corn falling to the ground was caused by the infestation of the European Corn Bore. This worm would eat the core of the shank of the ear away and then when the wind or anything moved the plant, the shank would break and the ear was on the ground. Within a couple years plant breeders made corn ears dropping to the ground blend into, and just become, another "thing of the past".

1939 Milford Twp's First Annual

June 1---1939: "Ah! Milford completes its first annual." So reads one of the very last sentences in the annual that was produced that year. It was titled "Spotlight". And so it was. With the exception of a few years; i.e. 1949-1952 the annual was titled "Messenger" and in 1953 "Bulldog". Then the title returned to "Spotlight". (The annual of 1949 was the first produced since the annual of 1939- a ten year moratorium.) And appropriately, the last annual, in 1961, was also entitled "Spotlight" just as had been the first.

The 1939 annual, although a similar looking publication, was constructed quite differently. The photos, actually snapshots, were glued on printed pages. The group photos were quite small and the individuals were not identified. There might be an article about the people in the photo under the picture. On some pages the people shown in the photo might be listed alphabetically. Good identification became the practice later on.

Grace Molde '39 Helland, now of Story City, who was one of the six graduates that year, believes the photos were taken by one of students, perhaps one of the teachers, then reproduced to match the number of books sold. Then each purchaser was given copies of these and pasted the pictures to the appropriate page. Even by this cost reducing method she recalled some of the students did not want to afford the cost and she does not recall how many copies were produced. Money was tight in 1939. Milford Twp, as was most of the country, stood on the doorstep of recovery from the economic collapse of the thirties. But for the agriculture community this economic downfall had, in reality, begun at least eight years earlier than the infamous "Black Thursday" of Oct 1929. So the folks in Milford Township were used to "tightening the belt just another notch".

One of the many interesting parts of the publication was a listing of the all graduates of Milford Twp School through 1938. It began with the first class in 1927 and included name, occupation, city name, and the spouse's name of the alumni from those 12 years.

There were memory books that predated the 1939 annual. From what is still available they appear to be concentrated on the high school experience and have no information about the grade school. For example, in 1932 there was a "High School Memory Book" which had pages for activities, autographs, opinions, favorite movies, books, plays, etc, and pictures but the actual construction of the book was done by the individual students. The photos were about an inch by three-quarters inch and glued in. So, what one had was mainly the effort of the individual who put the book together. Within this book were places to place (glue them in) mimeographed papers about the plays and other activities that occurred throughout the school year. After

a fashion, these were very effective memory aides provided one put in the appropriate effort at filling in the areas that were provided.

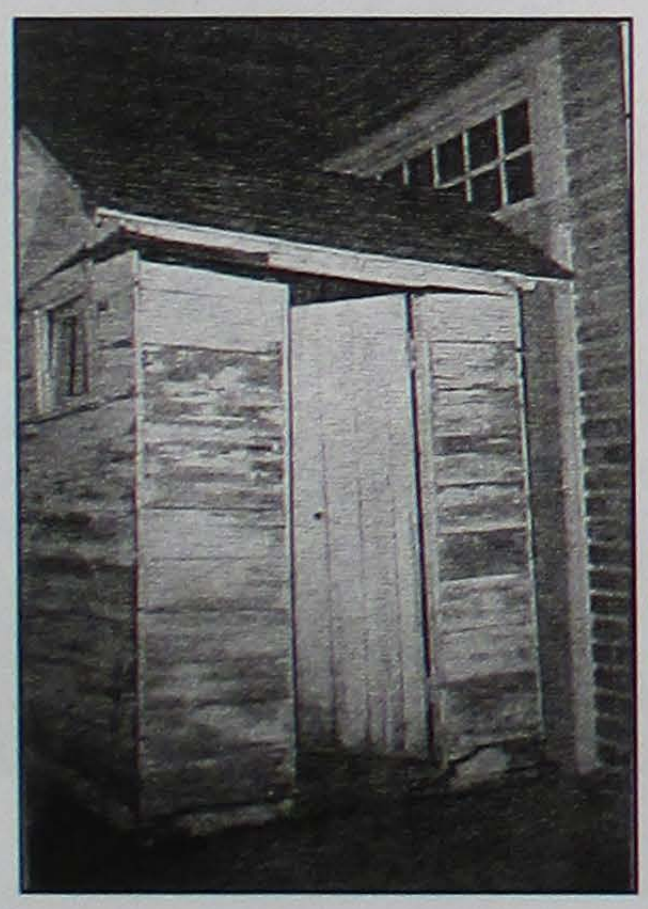
There is a sentence in the 1949 annual that states there had been no annuals produced in the time from 1940 thru 1948. However, Kermit Molde ('41) remembers that some form of "memorabilia sheets" had been issued on the completion of his schooling.

1944 School Lunch Program

This interesting, but short, notice, addressed to the parents of Milford Twp students, appeared in the Nevada Paper just before the opening of school for the fall of 1944.

"Although application has been made for the continuation of the lunch project, children will be forced to bring their lunches until final approval of the project has been made through the Des Moines office."

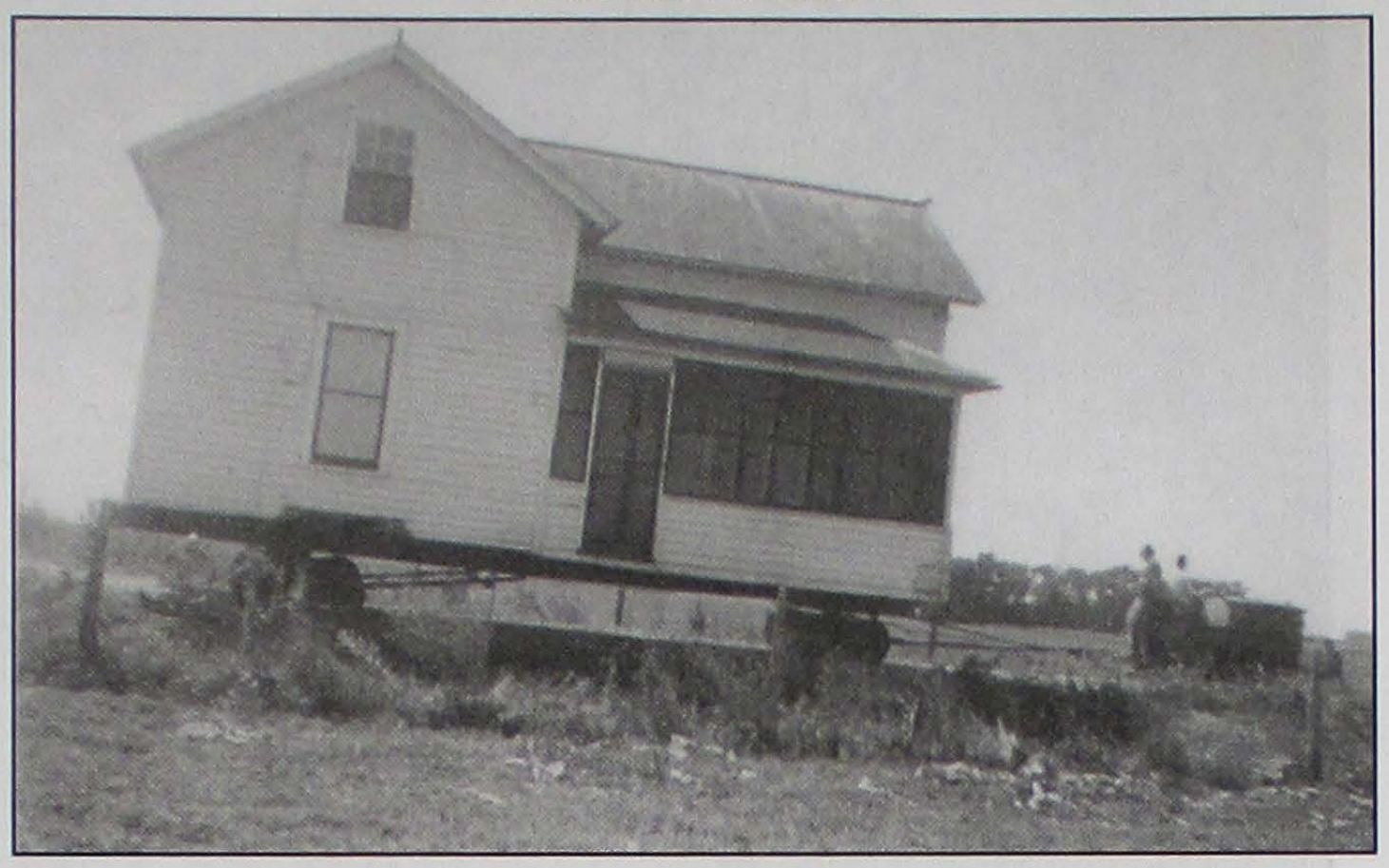
In about 1941 at the Ted Molde farm, one and a quarter mile east of Milford, on a pleasant summer's afternoon, the team and driver are ready to go either rake hay or possibly peas for the vinery that stood just a quarter mile to the west. Meanwhile Dorothy and Shirley wait soberly by the car.



Privy Added

Milford Students of 1959, always thinking of ways to improve things, put this addition on the front steps and at the door. It was not appreciated by the School authorities and the people involved had to remove it and then make up the time it took to do it. The new addition apparently came from up near the Durby farm.

The Janitor's House



Moving day for the Birkland home that was bought for use as a janitor's residence at the Milford School in summer of 1946. This rare photo, from the Arlen Twedt archives, was taken in front of the Floyd Twedt home on the south side of Sec 2. The house had come from about a quarter mile east on the north side of the road. The SE of the SW of Sec 2. That's the Tendall farm on the horizon between the tractor and the moving house. Three and a quarter miles left to go. Article below-

Arlen Twedt '62 writes of the Janitor's house:

`It was my parent's (Floyd '32 and Grace '35 Tendal Twedt) first home after they were married in 1941. I lived in it, too, during 1944-1946. My grandparents, Jacob and Allie Twedt, bought the 80-acre Birkland place in 1938 and sold the farm buildings at their farm sale in the fall of 1945. The following year they moved to Roland so the picture must have been taken in late 1945 or early 1946.

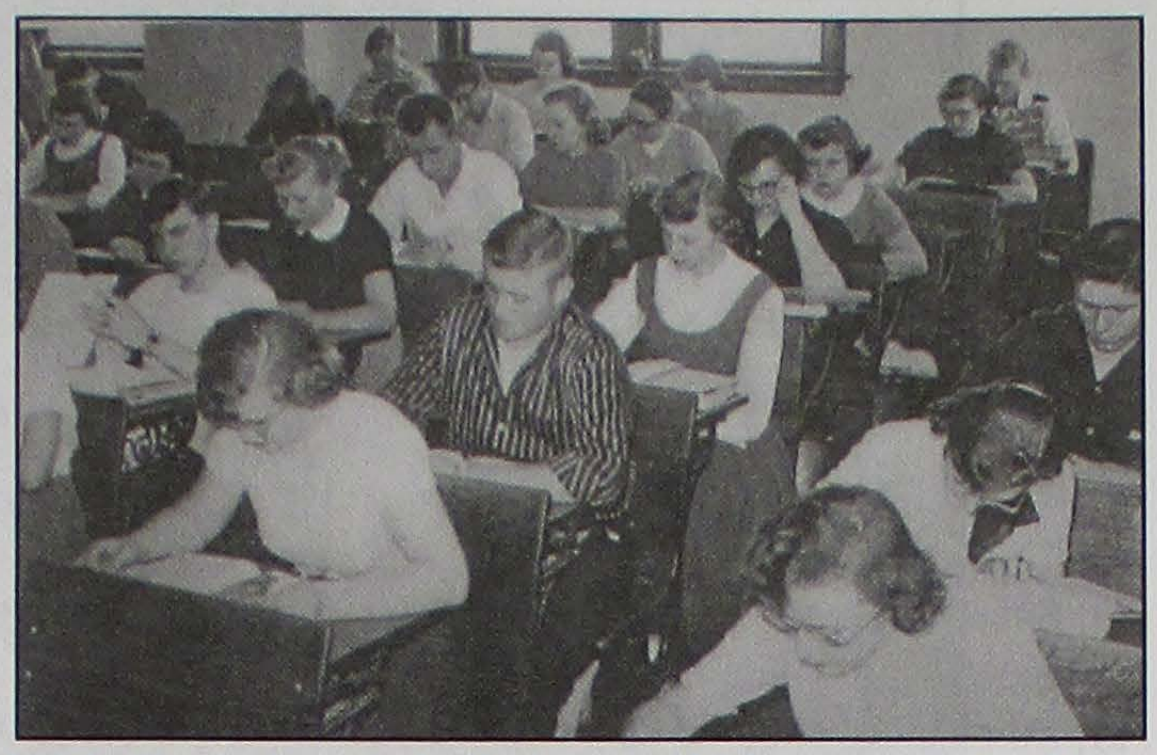
Holger (1835-1922) and Borgilla (1842-1900) Birkland, the previous owners, emigrated from Norway in 1866. In 1869 they bought the SE 1/4 quarter of the SW quarter of our section and in 1873 they purchased the 40 acres north of it. They had seven children. Their youngest son, Henry (1883-1967), began experimenting with seed corn as a young man and won many prizes for his corn. After he quit farming, developing and marketing seed corn became a full-time occupation for him. He lived on the south edge of Roland.

One of the members of '56 reports this happened: It had been snowing for quite a while one day and to facilitate the snow removal Supt Hopkins announced "over the PA" that who ever had those cars in the parking lot should move them. Twenty minutes later the announcement was made, "This is your Superintendent! - To those 36 students who went to move those four cars-- get back in here to class!"

This matchless photo, taken in the very late 1940s, shows the entire student body and transportation system of Milford Twp. on a pleasant winter day.

Milford's Students and Transportation System

Opposite Page: This photo was taken in the school year of 1949-'50. That's Supt Harnack standing at the very left of the scene. He was there for just a single school year. Across the schoolyard, in the southeast corner of the property, sits a house (upper right corner) that was used by the custodian of the school. This home was moved to the site in about 1946 and help was solicited from the shop students of the time to help with the foundation and plumbing. The house came from the south side of Sec 2 of Milford Twp. This home had been lived in by members of the Twedt family and was located about a short quarter mile east of what is now remembered as the Floyd Twedt family home. (Picture and article by Arlen on page 91.)



1957 - Typical study hall picture. With every one looking so busy, it makes one wonder if there wasn't more studying done in the short time it took the photographer to take the picture than in the entire rest of the day. That's Charlie Larson on the left making sure the photographer does it correctly.

1949 Study Hall

Below: This well posed picture of the interior of the Milford Twp School Study Hall shows the students and teachers of the high school in 1949. The photographer is standing in the southeast corner and the view is toward the northwest. Note the master clock which controlled the clocks in the other rooms of the building. Also, was that the entire Milford Township Consolidated School library in the bookcase along the west wall? Some recall it as being so. Notice the congregated placement of the flags to the back of the room for the camera. Also note the superintendent's house through the windows to the north. At the time of the construction of this house, the intent was to have the upstairs of the house be the living quarters for the single teachers. How long this arrangement lasted is not known. High School Faculty standing- Principal Kathryn Boyd Larson, Leo Cramer, R.N. Kjerland, Beth Doughty, Supt H.H. Harnack. Elementary Teachers not pictured are: First and Second, Irene Hauser-- Third and Fourth, Melba Garvin- Fifth and Sixth, Ava Nelle Everett (of Mississippi -Page 172)-- Seventh and Eighth, Jessie Petersen. The newspaper rack and the magazine rack were built by the 1929 Shop Instructor, Mr Arthur Bielefeldt.

1954 Lunch Room

Lower front clockwise: Judy Jorgensen '57, Shirley Groomes '58, Marlene Morfey '57, Jurine Borton '56, Sandra Mortvedt '57, Marcia Jacobson '58, Nadine Safly '57, Sandra Nelson '59, Norene Hughes '59, and Janet Simonsen '60. The north wall of the lunch room is behind the speaker

Glen Sampson, '43, reports that the hot lunch program started in 1934 or 1935 and we were one of the first schools to have such a program.

The lunch room was located in the southeast corner of the first floor with the kitchen area just to the immediate north. This picture of a 4-H meeting in 1954 shows the northeastern corner of the lunch room. The kitchen was through the serving windows at the left of the picture. (Another picture pg 301) The railing was an attempt to keep the youngsters in some resemblance of a line, and woe to anyone who might sit on it or even push against it too hard. The door in the center of the photo was to exit through the cooking room with one's tray after eating and where one made a cursory attempt to clean the plate into the garbage can. The cooler is where the cooks stored the milk that was served to the students. The milk was usually served in half pint glass bottles and was placed in metal serving racks on the serving area just behind the speaker. Occasionally, as a high school student, one got an extra milk which was always a special treat. Milk, at that time, was bottled in real glass bottles.

It was here, in this very room, that one of the most pleasant memories of Milford Twp was created for many students. One of the long time cooks, Mrs Lon Williams, had a formula for making the best cinnamon rolls that ever graced a plate. To this day, if ever a really good cinnamon roll is tasted, it is compared to, and falls short, of the delicious cinnamon rolls served by Mrs Williams and her crew. And, if you were able to secure "seconds", WOW! it made not only your day but was a highlight for several more. Then, you tried to recall what you had done right, or at least hadn't done wrong, and planned to do that the next time these cinnamon rolls were served.

The windows give testimony to the fact the floor of the lunch room was about 3 1/2 feet below the surface of the outside ground level. These windows could be blocked open at times, and the method that seemed to have evolved over time was the very effective empty three pound coffee can. Also, note the insulated pipes going overhead. What the insulation was-- well, take a guess.

In the early fifties when Larry Baldus and then Keith Hopkins were the superintendents, as a special treat, because they liked baseball, we, the high school students, came down to the lunch room to watch the World's Series on the Television. One was encouraged to bring along their textbooks to study a little and, believe it or not, some actually did. Although, some, I'm sure, just sat with non-seeing eyes and looked at the pages. We had to keep the rough housing and noise down to a low level (so as to not disturb the other students who were in their classrooms) or one would have to return upstairs to the study hall. Television was a new world to central Iowa at the time and so this was a double treat.

An unidentified lady, possibly Margaret Brooks, takes her life in her hands in circa 1956 as she sweeps the hardwood floor in front of the serving area for the lunch line. This photo really shows the detail of that corner of the lunchroom from the clock on the wall, to the graduation pictures hanging in the hall, the board out in the hall that offered some protection to the wall , and the pipe railing to keep the youngsters in some resemblance of a line at lunch time. Fortunately for her, the clock appears to read 5:30, so perhaps she's safe from the students headed for the lunch room. She is probably preparing for an evening event.

1991 Milford School Sold

The end of the use of the Milford Township Consolidated School building as a learning institution occurred on the nineteenth of August in 1991 at a school board meeting in Nevada at which time the buildings and the property were sold as a unit.

The accepted bid, for the school building, Supt house, and the property, (the five acre plot), was $6001 and had been submitted by Dale Althaus. It was a sad evening.

As a footnote, at the same meeting, the school board accepted the bid of Midwest Office Technology to lease two Canon NP 6550 copiers for 60 months at $334.16 per month each --or a total ("on the O-Gold Scoreboard") of $40,100.00. That's no misprint! $40,100.00- Forty Thousand One Hundred Dollars for a couple of copiers to set in the corner. They sold the Milford building, a house, AND four acres (five with the road right-of-way) of rich Milford Twp land for less than a sixth of what the bill was for two copiers.

By 2007 Milford School's five acres has been divided into three parcels. Basically the east half, the cottage, and the school building. The School is owned by an organization, as of 17 May, using the name Milford School LLC.

* * In the Classroom * *

Halverson Reigns
A Little Mischief in the Assembly Hall
by Kenny Watson ('47)

The Assembly, or as some might refer to it, the Study Hall was sort of a home room for grades nine through twelve and sometimes also eighth grade. Underclassmen sat along the east side and progressed toward the west as they advance upward to the next grade level. Sometimes the room was used as a classroom for large groups but was mostly for study time. Students desks faced south and the teachers desk was located in the northwest corner to the rear of the students.

I had no talent in music and chose to take other scholastic courses instead- therefore I was often in the assembly with upperclassmen with me sitting toward the northeast corner segregated by several rows of desks from the other students. One day, for some reason, there was no teacher present to maintain order and some of the students began to get a little rowdy. As I remember, Roger Harper and Loren Rierson had a couple rolls of tape and proceeded to wrap it around Don Morfey's face and head. Then, Loren had a lightweight rope of some sort, tied one end to a roll of tape and proceeded to twirl it around in an ever widening circle over the students' heads, gradually lowering the trajectory so everyone was ducking below desktop level to avoid being hit. I was well out of range so was able to watch these proceedings with amusement. Suddenly Supt B.G. Halverson appeared in the doorway in the southwest corner that opened into the corridor. Everything grew deathly quiet. B.G. spoke several authoritative words and escorted Loren out into the corridor and toward his office. Soon afterwards a teacher appeared and took a seat at her desk. So ended the fun for that day!

Typing Room Incidents
The Typing Room by Kenny Watson

A small room just west of the assembly room was the designated typing room. Along the west wall were large windows that could be opened on warm days. Sometimes the door to the assembly would be left open to accommodate better ventilation. Long narrow tables with typewriters on them ran east to west. Students sat facing the south. On this one particular day- I think it was September 1945- the first day of school, a hot muggy day, with storm clouds rolling in from the west.

The windows were all opened wide. The typing teacher, Virginia Gore, was standing at the front of the room observing the students doing their typing exercises. Suddenly there was a very loud clap of thunder. Without hesitation, Loren Rierson, who was seated next to one of the open windows, leapt out of his chair and jumped out the window! Miss Gore screamed with a look of horror-she had just seen one of her students jump out the window from the top floor of Milford School. Evidently she hadn't looked out to see the gymnasium roof just a few feet below the opening. Loren quickly reappeared climbing back through the open window. The class erupted with laughter. Miss Gore didn't think it was funny at all.

Another typing room incident occurred in the class of '47. As I remember, we were doing speed tests. I was seated next to one of the west windows. The wall below the windows extended up higher than eye level when we were seated at the typing tables. Seated to my left was Joe Harper. Typewriters were all manual- no electric models. The left hand was used to throw the carriage to the right to start each new line of typing. Joe, being left handed, probably threw the carriage with more authority than those of us who were right handed, and in a speed test showed even more fervor in starting a new line. We were all engrossed in achieving maximum speed when suddenly the carriage from Joe's typewriter came flying across right in front of me and crashed into the wall just to my right. Joe had really thrown the carriage this time! Needless to say- so much for that speed test as laughter abounded. (Typing class pg 287)

Dale Hughes, Coach Ev Cochrane, Dave Allen

1952 Misled Scientists Dave and Dale

By Dale Hughes '55

Milford Twp had a quite good science lab in the early 1950's. In about 1952, Dave Allen and Dale Hughes, as perhaps sophomores, were to demonstrate a physical principle that air has weight. We took no time to experiment with the experiment and the first time we tried the experiment was in front of the class for a grade.

The basic premise of the demonstration was to suspend a special bottle on a balance beam and then pump air out of the bottle and theoretically the bottle would rise with the balance beam. We have a hand pump that looks like a tire pump but it has a switch at the hose that reads -vacuum, neutral, pressure.

We took a very long time getting the thing set up and hooked up and balanced and the classmates were offering all kinds of not too helpful suggestions. Finally we were ready- set the switch to vacuum and with one of us pumping the pump, great things were expected. However, instead of rising-- the bottle sank. More suggestions, more laughter. "OK boys, try it one more time", says the teacher. More time spent rebalancing the apparatus, more wisecracks.

Finally, we're ready for the second attempt. Man the pump, and again the bottle sinks. More laughter. Except this time in spite of the laughter, I hear the sound of glass cracking, like the sound of ice that is too thin starting to break and dump one in the cold water below. I didn't think too much about it, but was rather puzzled by it. By now the teacher has lost patience and tells us and the class that sometimes things don't work as planned and to move the apparatus to the side of the room and let's get on with other assignments.

Dave and I take our failed demonstration to the side of the room and start to disassemble the thing. I pull the hose from the bottle and a blast of high pressure air hits my hand. Then we realize what has been happening. Instead of removing the air --the pump has been building pressure. The glass breaking sound that I had heard was the bottle getting ready to explode, ready to send razor sharp splinters of glass in every direction. These, undoubtedly, would puncture and probably ruin the eyes of most everyone in the classroom, many of whom were setting as close as 6-8 feet from the demonstration. One possible explanation for the bottle not exploding might be that within the glass there had been a layer of "plastic", but, never-the-less, this layer could have also failed.

The experiment was actually proving the theory that air has weight except we were increasing the amount of air instead of decreasing the amount in the bottle.

We examine the pump quite closely and discover that, in fact, the directions on the switch are backward to what is really happening. After class we talked to the teacher about the backward construction of the valve but there seems to be no interest there to do anything about it so we taped a note onto the pump stating that the valve has been put in the pump backwards and when the indicator reads vacuum it really is

building up air pressure and vice versa. We never hear of any further troubles from this pump.

Milford Twp had just dodged the bullet on having a couple of classes of students who might have been blinded by this explosion with glass splinters acting as shrapnel. No one, demonstrators or spectators, was wearing any form of eye protection. Somebody was really watching over the Milford Twp School that day.

Both Dave and Dale went on to Aviation in the Military Service and both returned to farm in Milford Twp.

Dave Allen, 1937-2007 by Dale Hughes

Dave Allen '55, lead one of the most interesting lives of any of Milford's graduates. Following graduation he attended, and obtained a four year degree from ISU in 1959. He then was selected to enter the Navy Flight Training program and earned his Navy Gold Pilot Wings. Most of his Navy flight time was in a A-4 which is a single person attack plane. He was Carrier Qualified and was stationed on the Hancock. One day, he flew his plane over to the "Coral Sea", another Aircraft Carrier where he knew that fellow Milfordite, Alan Twedt '57, was stationed. It is fun to hear both fellows accounts of this reunion. Alan was called up to the "Ready Room" and he didn't know what he had or hadn't done to be ordered there. When he saw Dave, Lt Allen, he didn't know whether to s--- or salute. Dave was in the first raid over North Vietnam by Navy planes. In late 1964, following his Navy obligation, he went to work for the CIA's "secret" airline and completed two tours, each of eighteen months, flying Short Takeoff and Landing Aircraft in the southeast Asia area. (There were 242 people who disappeared on these secret missions.) He flew supplies, food and personnel to anticommunist people in Southeast Asia and in Laos. He also, during this time, flew an aircraft from central Europe, across the deserts of Asia and on to Vietnam. He was qualified to fly seven different planes.

After this "great" adventure Dave left southeast Asia and returned stateside. He obtained a position with Pan American as a Pilot and was stationed in Calif. Within two years he was stricken with a very serious nerve deterioration condition, but after considerable time and effort, and personal fortitude, he was able to overcome this extremely painful and disabilitating condition to be able to come back to Iowa and start farming with his Dad. His Dad, Phillip, retired and Dave completely took over that operation. Farming was very economically challenging in the eighties so he started driving a semi and gradually took that position as a full time occupation.

Dave is a guy who everyone enjoyed having on their team because he was good team player and made very few mistakes--and that's an attribute a Navy Pilot needs if he's going to be around for the duration.

His only child, Andrew Allen, born 7-7-'77, is board chair of the Iowa Homeless Youth Centers and is a board member of the Youth and Shelter Services.

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Some Sports Stories 1922-1961

Milford Twp and League Play

Before Milford Twp graduated their first senior class in 1927 there was an organized athletic league (All County Association) for those who were interested in sport competition with other schools. Fifteen teams had been organized into the Story County Athletic Association. There were competitive games played and county tournaments. This Association developed a program of awarding athletic letters to the students who played in two-thirds of the games participated in by the team. They awarded, in 1927, letters to eight girls and six boys from the Milford Twp teams.

Although there is no doubt about the Milford Twp lads playing competitive sports, (the Milford Twp team(s) had a game with Colo on the fifth of Dec of 1924) there exists no known record of the girls playing other teams during this time period. In 1919, Milford girls played in a tournament in Iowa Falls. This was the only record found which mentioned the ladies' efforts. No record of the outcome of the game(s). A picture has been found with a 1929 senior girl wearing a letter sweater with three arm bands and the letter "M" on the left front waist pocket. It is assumed this is her sweater and not her boy friend's sweater by the fact it fits her. There were girl's basketball clubs organized that did not play organized competitive games. However, it seems questionable that a County Association would issue letters for non-competitive activities. So, would it seem possible that the Milford Twp girls did have competitive basketball and track in the timeframe of the late teens and into the twenties.

The County tournament started in 1922. In 1926, one year before its first graduation class, Milford Twp, Fernald, Kelley, North Grant, and Shipley were in the "B" division of the tournament. Milford won this bracket for its first Story County Championship.

However, by 1929, a new conference was formed and play started in the fall of 1929. Thus was the short lived Consolidated Six league developed from six of the recently consolidated high schools in Story County. The teams in this league were Milford Twp, Kelly, Slater, Cambridge, Huxley, and Shipley. The conference was organized for only boys' basketball, but they expected to extend it to girls' basketball and other sports in the fall of 1930. Milford Township won

second place in the conference that first year finishing at eight and two behind Huxley at nine and one.

In March of 1930 twelve Story County High Schools formed a baseball league. These teams included Cambridge, Collins, Colo, Gilbert, Huxley, Kelly, Maxwell, Milford Twp, Roland, Slater, Story City, and Zearing. There were six other high school baseball teams in the county who could compete in a county wide tournament to see who would represent Story County in the state tournament.

By December of 1933 the Consolidated Six was by-passed for the formation of a new league for basketball. Five schools, Gilbert, McCallsburg, Roland, Milford Twp and Zearing became members of the North Story League. Baseball was later added. Fernald later joined and this conference of six teams lasted until the reorganization of schools in the very late '50's and into the '60's. No information has come forth to indicate that Milford's dropping out of the Consolidated Six caused the demise of that conference. Anyway, they picked up another south Story County team and renamed themselves the South Story League. Suspicion is that the distance involved to and from the Milford facility, both for teams and fans, caused pressure to develop for different scheduling arrangements.

Milford had a competitive girls (and boys) basketball team in 1919 or 1920–before the four year high school was established and running. (But after the assembling of the one room schools in SW Sec. 15) Then, sometime in the early thirties, competitive girls' competition disappeared from Milford Twp until the spring of 1944. At this time, one week before the Story County Tournament, the girls played Roland at the Milford facility. This game was before a regularly scheduled double header boys game against another opponent- not Roland. Then the Milford girls played, a week later, in the county tournament against Kelly and lost. Thus was the start, or restart, of girl's competitive sports at Milford Twp.

Why the disappearance has not been established but speculation is that one of the girls, somewhere in north Story County, got seriously hurt and thus girls' competitive sports disappeared from north Story County. South Story County did have competitive athletics during this time frame from 1920 to 1940. Fernald was apparently the first school in north Story County to re-establish girls' competitive sports. Girls at the various schools in the north Story area did have girls' intramural squads (Girls basketball clubs) and some intraschool games were conducted. Roland had interschool competition by the girl's basketball club in 1924. (Played uptown in one of the buildings on the east side of the street-- so it is reported)

Following the Second World War, there was a men's Independent Basketball League which lasted for a few years. This league was composed mostly of alumni of a particular school which played under the title of the school's name independent team. Their schedules and the results of their games were posted in the newspaper and they also had their own tournament. This league evolved into a level of competition in which the name of the school was omitted and the name of the sponsoring unit became the name of the team.

1953-1955 Milford School Gym

Written by Dale Hughes ('55)

During one of the home basketball games in which we were ahead by a significant amount and the game was winding down, we were on offense and I was under the basket. Our guys out front lost the ball to the opponent, I don't recall who the opponent was and I guess it doesn't matter. Nine of the ten players on the floor rushed towards the opponent's basket. I strolled out to the free throw line just about the time our guards swiped the ball back. The Milford player with the ball looked up court and there I was all alone, lonely and feeling a little guilty because I had not hustled back on "D".

The Milford player with the ball rifled it to me, I caught it at the free throw line as I was already on the way to the bucket, dribbled the ball one bounce, put my left foot on the wall about five feet high, grabbed the rim with my left hand, and bang! major slam dunk. I hung on the rim for a second or so and dropped to the floor. The audience loved it and howled, laughed and clapped their approval. Two things at that time, slam dunks were illegal because the offensive player had to place his hand in the imaginary cylinder extending above the rim; and the other, when I put my foot on the mat that covered the wall and protected the players to a moderate degree, I was out of bounds. This was probably the first slam-dunk that most people and players had seen in a game and was the only one that I or any of the Milford lads ever preformed during game time.

Anyhow, the refs came charging down the court. One, I thought was going to throw me out of the game,

This view, looking to the south from the stage, of the 1950 band, shows the balcony with its railing and in the very top center the projection room which in the fifties, was never used except for a storage area. Also, on the risers are stacked some of the two person chairs. Barely visible at the top of the picture is the top row of the balcony which contained three rows of seats.

but as I recall it, Ray Lounsberry was the other ref and he had reffed a number of our games and I kind of knew him and he knew that I and the Milford ball players liked to "clown around" a little if we had the opportunity. He just laughed a little, told the other ref to let him handle it and smilingly told me something to the effect that was entertaining but don't do it again. I didn't get thrown out and of course, the goal didn't count. Coach Cochrane just grinned, smiled, shook his finger at me, and slowly shook his head. I think he appreciated the levity and actually enjoyed seeing his players have a little fun.

After a fashion, the gym was the center of the Milford community. It was the public meeting center of the area and the home of the school's musical presentations, the class plays, and the PTA meetings after which, each month, one of the combined class home rooms would present their own version of a presentation. Many days throughout the year, particularly when it was cold or wet, there would be scores of kids in their stocking feet, playing in there for the periods of recess. The shrill piercing noise level could have awakened the dead. The lower grades had three recesses a day. Generally at 10:00, noon and two plus time before school.

Milford was not novel in many of the functions etc. dealing with the schooling of youth with class size up to 13 to 15 although many of the classes were significantly smaller. The design of Milford school was, in many ways, typical of the great number of consolidated schools that were constructed during the late teens and through the twenties. The gym at Milford was quite small compared to those of constructions of the post-war era. The floor was something like 64x26, and extended east to west. There was a stage about three and a half feet above the floor on the north side where the two-opposing teams sat along with the scorer's table.

There was, at the floor level, one on each side of the stage, doors that lead to quite small, but adequate, shower rooms- east one for the guys and west for the gals. Major doors were on the southeast corner. A regular sized door on the east and a double door on the south. Spectators could be seated in four rows. Two rows on the floor and one each on two raised platforms that ran the length of the south wall. There was a break half way to the west end for a couple-a-three steps that went down to a door that was kept locked but led to a "Dungeon" where extra chairs, etc could be stored. This room, which the students could enter only on the most unusual of circumstances, always had a musty damp odor. We had very unusual chairs for the spectators and which also would be set up

out on the court for the plays, meetings, etc. These wooden chairs were double, side-by-side, seats. I never saw this style of chairs any place else other than a museum. They were reasonably heavy but also reasonably comfortable.

In the southwest corner there was a flight of narrow steps that went half-way up along the west wall and then turned to the left along the south wall and continued to the back of a three or four row set of bleachers that comprised the balcony. At the middle of this balcony was a room that was designed as a projector room. This room was unused except for storage of a few items and was also kept locked except for the most unusual of times. At the east end of the balcony there was a door that opened onto the second floor of the main part of the school; this door too was kept locked except for times the balcony was being used. I think the teachers made an effort to keep youngsters from using the balcony because the railing in the front row was built quite low so spectators could see more of the floor. I think the railing was only about two feet high and it would have been quite easy to fall over it. It was quite often a "great joke" when someone was going along the walkway next to this railing for a friend to grab an arm and give a shove and scare the person into believing they were going to fall over. In my twelve years at Milford, I never heard of anyone falling over it or being hurt from "leaving" the balcony. On rare occasions guys would leap over it or hang from the pipe that went along the top of the railing and drop to the floor.

There was an emergency door on the west end of the gym after one went through the door at the west side of the stage and into a little hall, turn right and one headed toward the stage, straight ahead to the girl's shower or turn left and up a few steps to the emergency door. Woe to anyone who used this door. Or even acted as though they were going to use this door.

Our team played in a gym (Napier?) one evening that was longer than ours but the ceiling was so low that the fellows couldn't shoot from much further than the top of the key without the ball hitting the ceiling. Which I recall was automatically out of bounds. That gym was so narrow that three of our bigger players could almost reach across it. It was only about 20-22 feet wide.

The Milford floor itself was a hardwood floor that had a couple dead spots. I still remember one that was in the northeast corner. There was a red line completely around the court that was three feet in from the wall or the out of bounds area. This was the line behind which the defensive player had to stand when the ball was "in-bounded". Obviously, there was no three point line but our fellows would set out in the area 22 to 25 or so feet and put up one-hand set shots and if they were "on" would hit two or three out of the five attempts. The lane under the bucket was only six feet wide as opposed to the current 12; but it seemed as though the refs watched the three-second limit of time an offensive player could be in this zone more than they do now. The top of the free throw circle was about a foot and a half from the center jump circle where there was the letter

This photo of a faculty student game from about 1950 illustrates some the features of the 1924 gym. Note the fans, seated on chairs, on the bleachers on the main floor. The balcony had three rows of seats where the fans sat right on the "risers". The projection room is to the far right and note that protective railing. Mrs Jessie Petersen looks to be putting two on the score board for the faculty while teammate Mrs Kathryn Larson, right, Principal, gets ready for a long rebound.

"M" (orientated to be read from the south) painted on the floor.

The baskets were installed about three feet out from the wall with four pipes holding the backboard. For me, this helped on defense. For some reason I felt as though my man couldn't get away from me as easily even though the spacing was the same as when the basket was suspended from the ceiling. The latter arrangement seemed to open the court more. Even though the measurements were the same. This was the greatest difference for me when playing on a larger court, more so than even the floor's greater length. We were in good shape so the length of the court didn't seem to bother too much. A college sized court, though, did have a noticeable effect on the endurance.

We had a canvas cover for the floor that was used at various times. Most of the time it was not in use and the teachers made great efforts to keep the youngsters off the court with their shoes on. To many of us the great irony was when the school gym was used after some of the games and other times for square dancing and the farmers would come in and square dance wearing their heavy work boots.

One of the incidents that occurred four or five times while at basketball practice during my senior year involved the "body clock" of one of the players. Right during the three to three forty time period seemed to be the time when his body had manufactured and had to rid itself of excess gas. Most times these were the silent style with no warnings before the overwhelming odor, but once in a while the familiar reverberating rattling sound gave warning. O, my golly, what a sour, rotten, pungent, and just downright nose-hair burning odor. Practice had to be interrupted for a few minutes while humorous (and some not so humorous) remarks were thrown around (and at this guy) and then adjournment to the other end of the court to where we would get reorganized and started again.

One of the first times it happened, we were practicing at the east end and Coach Cochrane was out near the half court line and some of the fellows started to moan and walk around as a reaction to the aroma. Coach wanted to know what was causing the lack of concentration and when someone told him it was impossible to continue to work hard with the stench there; coach told us to "work through it". Then he got a whiff and immediately practice was moved to the west end of the gym. It was kind of funny because it didn't happen too often but, never the less, it was breathtaking. This happened fifty years ago and I still remember the incidents, and how I thought that molecules that smelled that bad, that strong, would surely have to be big enough to see.

One interesting footnote to the story of the Milford Twp gym. The floor of the 1923-1924 gym was removed in 1956 and purchased by a downtown restaurant, the Raccoon River Brewery, in Des Moines. They have a sign displayed that explains the history of their floor which came from the Milford Twp gymnasium. The new gym was built in 1956 and only used five years for high school competition. After that the Nevada Community Middle School made it into a fifth and sixth grade facility and used it in this capacity for thirty years, 1961-1991.

Ol' Milford farmer tried to get a different car for wife; nobody would trade.

1927 Awarding Athletic "Letters"

From the spring 1927 Nevada Paper:

"The first presentation of county letters was made in the Milford Schools on Wednesday of this week. Some time ago the county association decided to have a uniform letter for all schools belonging to the association and to have the letters furnished by the association. Captains are to receive a star and each activity is to be recognized by arm bands.

Superintendent Geo. W Kellogg, secretary for the county association, was present and presented the letters. Those receiving letters must have played in two-thirds of the games participated in by the team.

Letters were given to Hazel Slocum, Opal Fisher, Vera Eubank, Jeanette Sowers, Bernita Howland, Juanita Babbitt, Dorothy Day, Margaret Twedt. Hazel Slocum, the captain receiving a star. The boys awarded letters were George Allen, Ray Danielson, John Hereim, George Hansen, George McKinley, and Marion Gilreath. George Allen, the captain, receiving a star."

This short article, years later, creates more questions than it answers. Does "the first presentation of county letter ....."- mean that this was the first time athletes in Milford Twp had received letters or this was the first letters ever awarded by the Association?

What is a "uniform letter"? Is it a letter to go on a uniform which could be the first letter of any student's school or is it a uniform (Common or standardized- as "one size fits all") letter that all students, regardless of their school, would receive.

In the sentence "each activity is to be recognized by arm bands"-- what is "each activity"? What is an activity? a track tournament, a basketball season, a baseball season, etc.?

Eight girls received letters but no record of competitive sports for girls has been found.

For a picture of a lady wearing a letter sweater, look at "Sport Team- 1929 Senior Girls" (page 134). By that time, 1929, the individual schools had taken over the awarding of the athletic letters.

Supt Geo. W. Kellogg was the Story County Supt of Schools during this time period.

Many questions created by this article are answered by the picture of the artifact on page 133.

1931 Milford's Boxing Typhoon: John Allen

In the summer of 1931, there was a short note in the Nevada Evening Journal about the fight promotion by the director of Lake Comar- just south of Story City about 2 3/4 miles. He had arranged an evening of local talent boxing for the entertainment of the crowd he hoped would come to see the event. They were there. From the 14th of Aug. paper:

"John Allen ('31) of Milford put his opponent, Dan Jackson of Jewell away for the count in the third round. Jackson took a count of eight in the first and put up a scrappy battle for the next 2 rounds."

Because of the great popularity of this event, they were moved to Carr's Pool Park in Ames. Here, it is learned that John Allen, "the pride of Milford", compiled a 3-1-1 record by the end of the season.

1933 Sept. Baseball Victory

An informative article appeared in the 27 Sept 1933 Nevada Paper- some of which states-

Milford's baseball team won their first game played in the season against the team from Carr's Park by a score of 7-6. (Perhaps the thing that makes this most memorable is simply the name of the opponent)

The entire faculty enjoyed a steak fry at the Ledges south of Boone Wednesday evening.

Pictures of the students of Milford Twp School were taken on Wednesday by the James Brothers of Des Moines. (None of these were found in 2006-2007)

Five coaches representing the five consolidated schools of the north half of Story County organized into a basketball league at Milford. This is the start of the North Story Conference. Fernald was not at this meeting but joined soon thereafter. (Also pg 98)

Ol farmer hear report that: One of Milford's army recruits tells of the following incident at Basic Training. One requirement was a demanding 12-mile march. We got started at 6 a.m. and were pumped up for the trek.

An hour later, feeling the heavy load of our packs, we wondered if the end would ever come.

"Men," the sergeant yelled, "You're doing a FINE job. We've already covered four miles!"

We felt a breath of relief at completing a third of the distance.

"And," continued the Sarge, "we should reach the starting point any minute now."

1941 Feb. -- Varsity and JV

Milford Twp, apparently, from the early thirties until the spring of 1944, had no girls competitive sports program so it was the practice to have a boys varsity and a boys junior varsity game. (The accepted nomenclature was Varsity and Seconds.) Apparently, occasionally, the girls would play a sports club game against other schools. There seems to be no surviving evidence that the girls of Milford Twp played competitive sports during the twenties except the All County Athletic Association did award eight Milford Twp girls athletic letters in the spring of 1929.

The Nevada Paper of Tues. Feb. 4, 1941 talks about the games Milford played against McCallsburg on the previous Friday evening. It was a North Story Conference game played on the Milford court.

The JV game was first and this resulted in a win for Milford Twp, 26-23. The Milford players were Matters, Harper, Molde (lead the Milford point attack with ten), Wakefield, Christy, Halverson, Tjelmeland, and M. Johnson.

The varsity game resulted in loss for Milford Twp 37-29. The players for Milford were Samson, J. Johnson, C Johnson, Nelson (the leading scorer of the evening with eleven) Egland, and Matters. Fred Matters, a freshman at this time, scored three points in each game.

1941 Milford Twp Spoils Roland's Party

Our neighbors to the north, Roland, had a new gym constructed and ready for use in the 1941-1942 basketball season. They won their first game on this floor but then they tangled with the Milford five. (From the 6 Dec 1941 paper) "It was the second game played in their (Roland's) new gym as well as the first game they lost in the new gym." Milford Twp won an eight point victory- 20-12.

Some of the players for the Milford five included Earl Johnson, the leading scorer; Donald Halverson, the Supt's son; Fred Matters, a freshman at the time; Glen Sampson, long time Milford resident; Julius Johnson; Junior Wakefield; Harold Tjelmeland; and Bill Christy.

Ol Milford Farmer say: Some day you are the bug- some day you are the windshield.

1944-1961 Shooting Free Throws

Fred Matters, 1944, set a Story County Tournament record for making ten consecutive free throws in the 1944 County Tournament. We can find no evidence that this record has ever been beaten in the Story County Tournament.

Dale Hughes, 1955, in a regular season game, made eleven consecutive free throws, and ended the evening with 15 points scored from the charity line. He also scored 11 field goals for a career high total of 37 points. Coach Cochrane pulled him from the court with about 2-3 minutes left in the game because of the fear he would be injured as the opponents were becoming a little too vigorous with their defense. Milford Twp won this game.

Jurine Borton, 1956, holds the overall record for shooting free throws in a conference game. This occurred in the 1955-'56 season while Milford was playing at the Gilbert facility. She made 22 straight charity tosses and ended the evening with 22 of 25 made. She missed her first two, and last, tosses. (Also page 303)

Hazel Horness, 1956, represented Milford Twp in the District Tournament after winning 2nd place in the sectionals. She remembers throwing at the Drake Fieldhouse for the State competition.

Karen Thompson, 1964, represented Milford Twp in the District Tournament after winning 2nd place in the sectionals. After the 1961 closing she went to Roland and played in the IGHSAU State tourney as a sophomore in 1962 and also her senior year in 1964.

1944 Boys Basketball

The big story of the 1944 Milford Twp boys basketball team is they finished second in the Story County Basketball Tournament.

Milford defeated Slater 39-27, then Roland 37-23 and lost in the finals to the pre-tournament favorite Huxley, 29-27. Fred Matters, in the game against Slater, had quite a game and perhaps the paper writes it best-as follows;

"Paced by Fred Matters, guard, Milford's big red outfit could not lose last evening with Matters setting a record that has never been equalled in this or any other Iowa high school tournament, as he dumped in ten for ten charity shots and added three field goals to make his total points sixteen for the game. It was the greatest demonstration of cool, relaxed coordination of mind and body, that has ever been given on the local floor and may be a new Iowa high school record in this department. Milford led 11-7 in the first period, 23 to 11 at the half, 33-20 in the third quarter and broke away to show real power in the final quarter, to win 39 to 27."

The players on this squad were-- Roger Harper, Wally Tjelmeland, Merril or Howard Johnson, Fred Matters, Russell Clark, Gordon Bivens, Richard Stevenson, Marvin Sorensen, Russell Morfey, Don Morfey, Joe Harper and Curtis Grimsley.

Following the tournament the paper had this interesting bit of news--

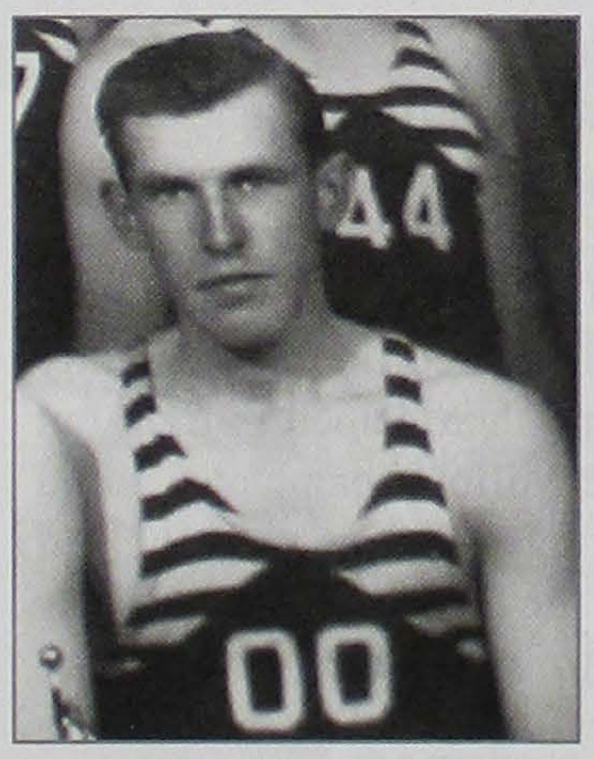
"Grossing $1,071.16 the Story County Boys' Basketball tournament held in the Nevada field house last week set a new all-time record for attendance according to school officials late Saturday night.

Of the $1,071.16, $120.09 went to the Federal government for tax leaving a net for the tournament of $951.07."

The tribute in the paper to Fred Matters is very strong and Fred went on to play Independent League baseball and did very well.

Jurine, in 2004, attended a Ballard game and just happened to be seated next to an older gentleman who, after they started visiting, turned out to have been a player on the 1944 Huxley team. He talked at length, 60 years after the game, of this game and he well remembered Fred's feat and speculation was that his record of ten for ten charity tosses still stands.

Fred Matters



Fred Matters, one of the best athletes to have graduated from Milford, graduated in 1944. He's shown here from the 1943 team photo, The blip on his right arm is the top of a trophy (1 of 2) the team won that season. He won 8 letters at Milford which is the maximum that can be earned at our School. He went on to play third base for the Ames Moose Lodge softball team which was runner up in State Top Softball Tournament. In this tournament he was cited for "outstanding play". He played third for the Story City city baseball team. He played basketball for the battalion team while in the Army in Japan where they played exhibition games in Japan and Korea 1945-'47. That's Glen Egland '43, number 44 just behind Fred. Team photo on page 139.

Kenny Watson Knocked Down- A Baseball Story

By Dale Hughes ('55)

In the fall season of baseball in 1946 I was in the fourth grade and, as the high school baseball games would get started at about 3:15 we younger students would get out of the classroom routines shortly after 3:00 to parade to the baseball field and watch about three or four innings of the game before it was time to parade back up to the school to get on the busses to go home.

The group of youngsters I was with happened to be on the east side of the diamond** (along the third base line) behind the opponent's bench when Kenny Watson hit the ball very hard and it got through the outfield and rolled further. As he was rounding third base and racing for home he stumbled and fell down about 2/3- 3/4 of the way there. He started crawling on his hands and knees towards home base when the throw from the outfield was relayed to the catcher. Kenny, who was still on his hands and knees and who, it seemed could not get up or see very well, was within about eight or ten feet from the plate.

The catcher, in his full catchers uniform, minus the mask, caught the ball, assured himself that it was securely in his big glove and took a couple of steps and demonstrated the poorest example of sportsmanship I had ever seen up until this time. He placed the glove with the ball in it against his knee and while he was still moving quickly, pounded his full weight against Kenny's left shoulder and knocked him severely, face first, to the ground. I thought, and I suspect the opposing team thought so too, that the catcher would have simply stepped over to Kenny and slapped the glove lightly against Kenny's shoulder and then helped him up but such was not the case. The Milford teammates, amid much shouting and arm waving at the opponent, helped Kenny up and they brushed the dirt and white marking lime from his face, hands, arms, and uniform; and the game continued. I don't recall who the opponent was, and I guess it's just as well that I don't recall.

I still recall this incident fifty plus years later as one of the worst examples of sportsmanship I've ever witnessed and I wondered if many of the other witness felt the same way. I "picked up vibes" from our teacher, or perhaps it was from the Supt, or maybe it was from the opponent's coach, that they wished we students had not seen this incident.

** Our Milford baseball team sat on the north side of the field, along the first base line, facing the south--- The opponents, sat along the third base line- facing the west and looking into the setting sun. Strategy? I don't know, but what ever it was, it didn't seem to work too well, at least in the mid fifties, 'cause we sure didn't win very many games.

1947 Kenny's Big Day

A Baseball Story
by Kenny Watson '47
"Baseball; My Day"

There are always memories from school days- some of them remain etched in your mind better than others. One such day was when everything seemed to go my way.

I think it was at Huxley- can you imagine a student body cheering for a player on the opponent's team? I had come to bat and hit a foul ball far to my left and over the backstop. The ball crashed through one of the schoolhouse windows and Huxley students watching the game erupted with a loud cheer. A few innings later I was positioned as centerfielder when an opponent smashed a well hit ball over my head into grove of trees behind the normal fielding position. I ran back under the tree canopy waiting for the ball to fall to the ground. I had no idea as to where the ball was, but it came crashing through the leaves and fell right into my glove, ending their at bat!

At my next at bat I hit a ball out into that same grove of trees. The opponents' fielder was not so lucky as I and the ball fell to the ground some distance from him. He quickly retrieved the ball and launched a mighty throw toward the infield in a effort to prevent an extra base hit. However, a tree was in his line of fire and the ball hit the tree trunk and was propelled even further into the outfield. By the time the ball reached the infield I was safe with a home run! It really was my day.

Edit: For more by Kenny Watson. see pg 219.

Ol' Milford Farmer remembers; the first State of Iowa gasoline tax, 2 Cents a gallon, was in 1925.

1947 Girl's Track Meet

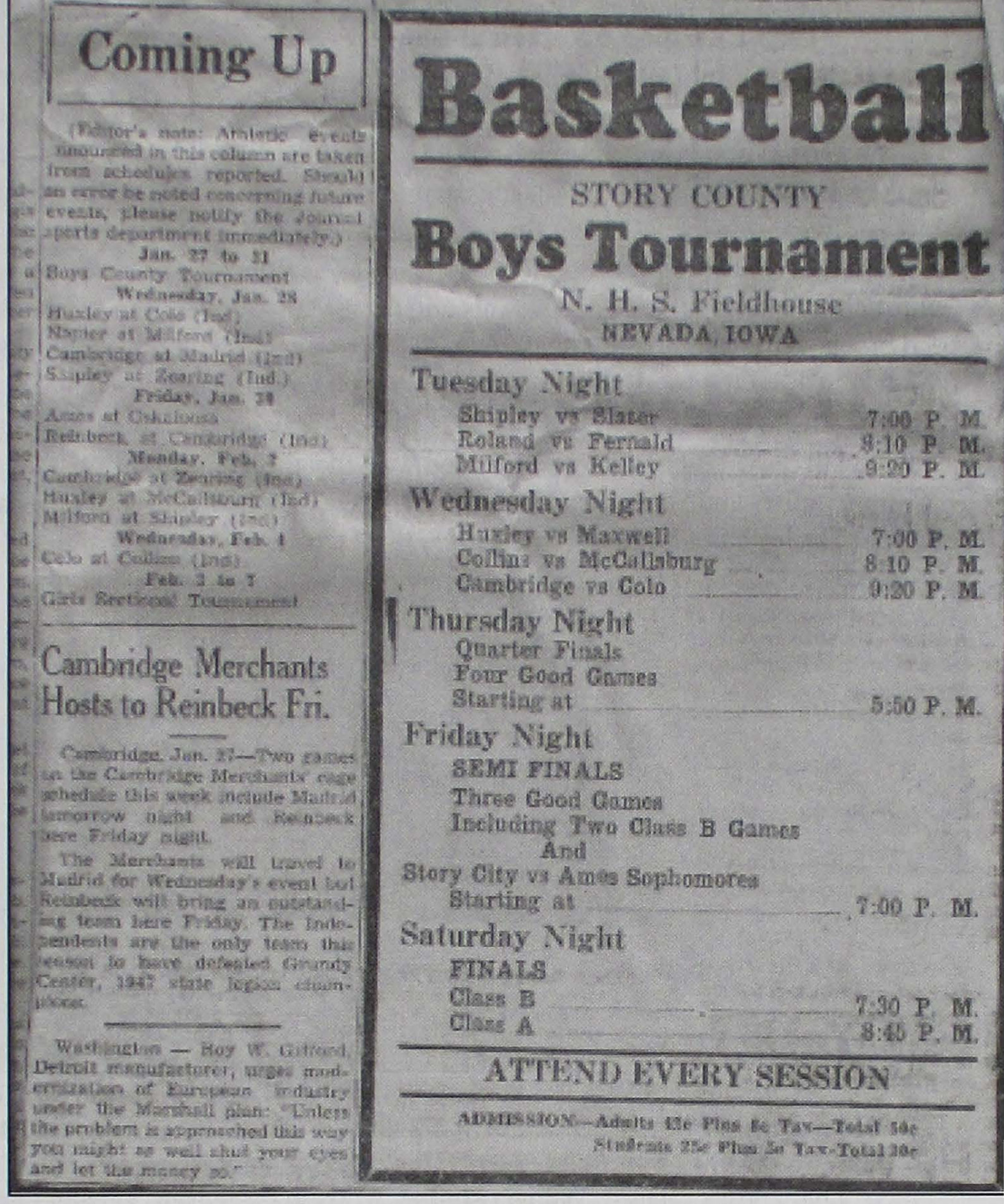
Apparently Milford Twp never had an official track team, boys or girls. However, in the spring of 1947 there was an article about an upcoming Girl's Track Meet to be held at Shipley. There were eight teams entered by press time with the hope that several more teams would show up for the event.

The eight schools with entries were Napier, Kelley, Nevada, Fernald, Cambridge, Milford, Shipley and Maxwell. Unfortunately, there were no results published in the paper that I could find. There was a system of points awarded and trophies and ribbons to given to winners and top three finishers in each of the categories.

No results of the competition were found.

In the mid '50's Milford Coach Ev Cochrane provided the opportunity for some of our "speedy" boys to have competition against Colo, perhaps the strongest track team in the area. For a short story about this adventure, see the "Larry Miller Story". See page 112.

Game Day at the Milford Ball Park Below: Refreshment at the Milford ball park in spring 1952. The girls are Connie Petersen '59, Florine Borton '52 (first in white Shirt) Donna Rae Steward '52, Alice Hansen '55, Alice Grindem '52, Anne Allen '52, and standing, Beverly Jacobson '55. There's a variety of styles from the below the knees skirt to the white shirts with the Jeans. It was probably a Friday as the girls could wear Jeans on that day. It's unknown from where the pop came because it was quite rare at School.



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Coming Up

(Editor's note: Athletic events announced in this column are taken from schedules reported. Should an error be noted concerning future events, please notify the Journal sports department immediately.)

Jan. 27 to 31
Boys County Tournament

Wednesday, Jan. 28
Huxley at Colo (Ind)
Napier at Milford (Ind)
Cambridge at Madrid (Ind)
Shipley at Zearing (Ind)

Friday, Jan. 30
Ames at Oskaloosa
Reinbeck at Cambridge (Ind)

Monday, Feb. 2
Cambridge at Zearing (Ind)
Huxley at McCallsburg (Ind)
Milford at Shipley (Ind)

Wednesday, Feb. 4
Colo at Collins (Ind)

Feb. 3 to 7
Girls Sectional Tournament

Cambridge Merchants Hosts to Reinbeck Fri.

Cambridge, Jan. 27—Two games on the Cambridge Merchants' cage schedule this week include Madrid tomorrow night and Reinbeck here Friday night.

The Merchants will travel to Madrid for Wednesday's event but Reinbeck will bring an outstanding team here Friday. The Independents are the only team this season to have defeated Grundy Center, 1947 state legion champions.

Washington — Roy W. Gifford, Detroit manufacturer, urges modernization of European industry under the Marshall plan: "Unless the problem is approached this way you might as well shut your eyes and let the money go."

Basketball

STORY COUNTY

Boys Tournament

N. H. S. Fieldhouse
NEVADA, IOWA

Tuesday Night

Shipley vs Slater	7:00 P. M.
Roland vs Fernald	8:10 P. M.
Milford vs Kelley	9:20 P. M.

Wednesday Night

Huxley vs Maxwell	7:00 P. M.
Collins vs McCallsburg	8:10 P. M.
Cambridge vs Colo	9:20 P. M.

Thursday Night
Quarter Finals
Four Good Games
Starting at 5:50 P. M.

Friday Night
SEMI FINALS
Three Good Games
Including Two Class B Games
And
Story City vs Ames Sophomores
Starting at 7:00 P. M.

Saturday Night
FINALS

Class B	7:30 P. M.
Class A	8:45 P. M.

ATTEND EVERY SESSION

ADMISSION—Adults 25c Plus 5c Tax—Total 30c
Students 25c Plus 5c Tax-Total 30c

From the January 27, 1948 Nevada Evening Journal

1948 January: County Tournament Announcement

The tournament schedule is for the High Schools but note games listed in left column include Milford Twp Independent team, which was made up mostly of alumni, including Dick Couser. The independent league, which used the name of the townships (or schools), lasted 3-4 years in the late 40s. After that time, names evolved into the name of the sponsoring organization as the makeup of the teams crossed township (or school) borders.

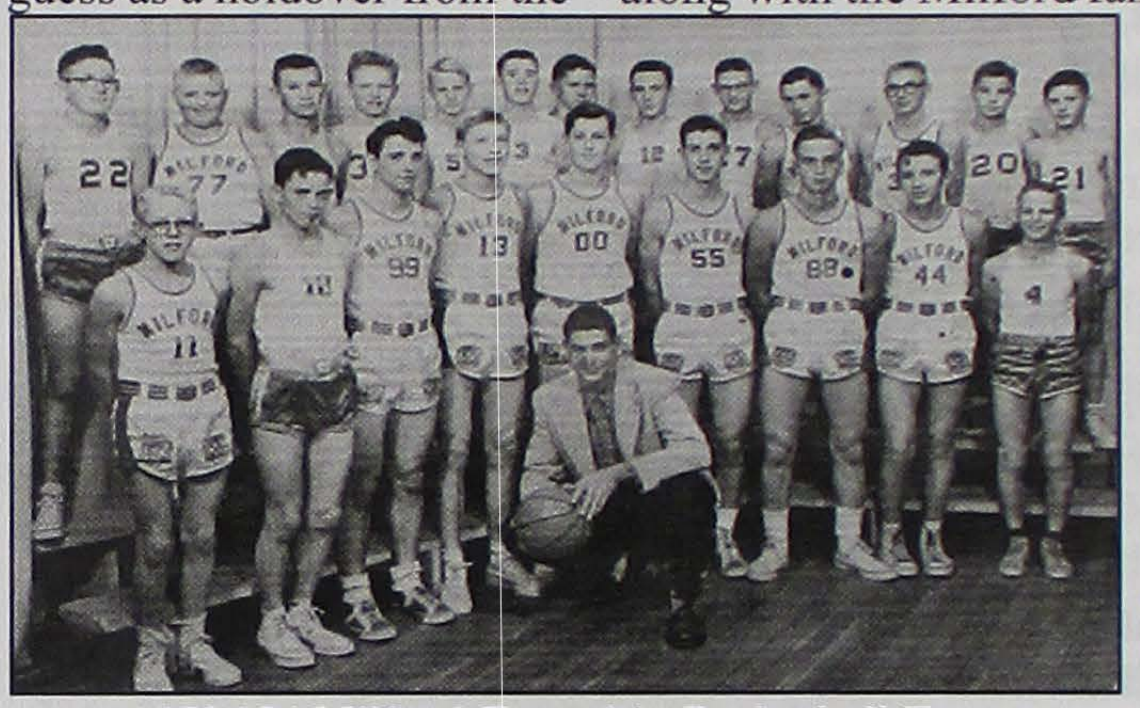
Some further identification in the photo on the left- Back Row from left: Art Borton '57, Helen Horness '53, Ron Otto '56, Duane Brodie '56, Larry Miller '56, Wilbert Hadley '56, Ed Needham '56, Loyd Hughes '56, and Bill Thompson '57.

1953 Learning a Lesson at Shipley

by Dale Hughes 1955

One evening in the winter of 1953-'54, our Milford basketball teams got on our most up to date school bus and went down to Shipley for a double header ballgame. The gym, which was comfortably warm, was filled with school kids and interested parents and fans. Many of the parents from both teams were noisily visiting about the teams, how the harvest had gone and if it was going to be a severe winter, etc. The smell of the concession stand, with buttered popcorn was blended with the aroma of floor polish and, of course Juicy Fruit (the old formula) chewing gum which seemed to be the favorite of most the basketball players. Most everyone chewed gum- particularly "Juicy Fruit"- I guess as a holdover from the War when the only gum that was available was stuff called "Black Jack" which had a very strong licorice taste- so sugary gums, including bubble gum, were very popular. This, in spite of the Polio scare when many thought, perhaps rightly, that touching the gum with one's fingers might cause the spread of germs that could cause polio.

The polio scare was very strong and one of the more financially secure dads in the community built a swimming pool for the exclusive use of his own kids. No friends or others to use it. That seemed a little strong to many of us at the time but, now, years later and as a father- I can very much appreciate the strong concern of these parents—and as someone else once commented to me- perhaps it could have been those youngsters that might have brought the polio to the public swimming pool. As far as I know, no one from Milford caught polio during the time I was in school at Milford. (I stand corrected on this point. Six students from Milford did contact Polio, but luckily, none were severely impaired-- I guess the cases were mild enough that I didn't notice any symptoms. page 279)



1953-'54 Milford Township Basketball Team
Back row: Edwin Needham, Arthur Borton, Bob Jacobson, Loyd Hughes, Norman Honderd, Bill Thompson, Wilbert Hadley, Marlin Jorgensen, Vernon Olson, Larry Miller, Duane Brodie, Jimmie Thompson, Peter Hadley. Front row: Alan Twedt, Jack Allen, Fritz Morris, Dale Hughes, Raymond Thomas, Clarion Thompson, Fred Neasham, Ronald Otto, Richard Neasham. Coach Ev Cochrane. Missing from Picture: David Allen- Including Dave, this was every boy in Milford High School.

Back to the ball game, the girls' game was, of course, played first. The game started out with no surprises; however, shortly into the game the refereeing became very lopsided in favor of Shipley. Coach Cochrane became very annoyed and as I recall, had received a technical foul and was on the verge of being thrown out of the gym.

Some of the other Milford players and I were sitting in the back row of the third or fourth row polished and hard bleachers right behind a group of Shipley parents, a few of whom I knew. The calls were so obviously wrong against the Milford six that during a series of bad calls, there was some self conscious laughter by the Shipley fans and then, surprise of surprises after a little while and a few more bad calls, the Shipley folks were hooting, booing, and hollering at the refs right along with the Milford fans. I think they did not want to see the daughters of some of their Milford friends treated like that—and they knew bad refereeing when they saw it even though their team was benefiting from it.

Coach Cochrane, for the last quarter or so, didn't do much complaining, but he did some serious chin-rubbing, wiping his hand across the top of his head, and eye-rolling. But he still tried to coach the girls. But we who knew him, knew he was now a game ahead of the refs. I don't recall which girls' team was the victor. (Checking the records shows that our girls lost 47-36)

After the girls' game and in our locker room getting ready for the start of the boys' game, he didn't say much of anything to us about a "master game plan". He just slapped me on the shoulder and said to me and the other starters- "Have fun boys!" The game started, and the Milford five, nicknamed the "Bulldogs", who were rather worked up about the deal our girls had received, tore into the Shipley boys like a bunch of annoyed bulldogs and repeatedly intercepted passes, blocked shots, forced a 10-second rule violation, etc. We were ready to beat 7 players, if the refereeing went against us as it had against the Milford girls (5 Shipley players and the two guys wearing the black

and white referee shirts) with an energy that only angry teenage lads who are in good condition can muster and sustain.

Coach Cochrane just basically sat there and watched and didn't say a word. I don't recall the refereeing being lopsided either way. Finally with about 2 1/2 minutes left, he pulled us starting five out and let the others play. The score at this point was 79-12, and at the close of the game it was 82-19.

Even though we felt very justified in doing what we had done while we were doing it, there was no great feeling of having revenged the injustice, no feeling of happiness, because it didn't change what had happened. It didn't affect the referees one way or the other, they couldn't have cared less. It almost "rang" as a hollow victory. On the bus ride back to Milford, I know I did, and I suspect the other Milford players did some reflecting and soul searching as to exactly what the other reactions we could have shown to those two referees, the Shipley players and parents and as far as that goes, to our own parents and fans concerning the bad deal out girls had received. And now, as then, I'm not sure there could have been another. Before the evening activities had taken place, I was confident we'd win by a score of 75-50 or something like that.

But, at least, there was a lesson to be learned dealing with displaced anger. The Shipley boys' basketball team had nothing to do with the bad refereeing and didn't deserve to be the objects of our wrath. But such is the way of life and the human mind, and high school basketball.

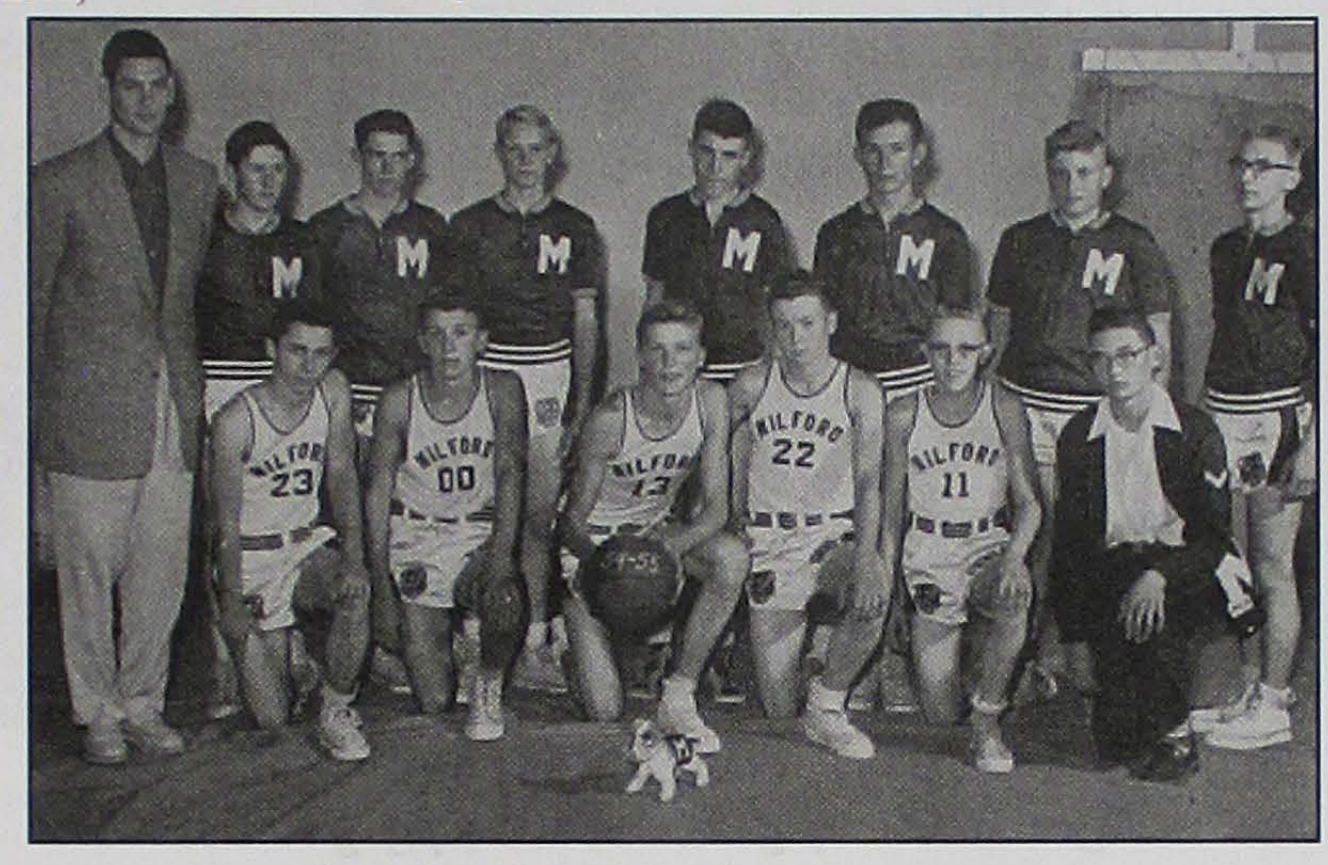
During the two years I played sports for Coach Cochrane, this was once of only twice that I ever saw Coach Cochrane get angry and I thought he was very justified on both occasions. The other was playing against Roland in the sectional tournament at McCallsburg(?), a neutral floor. We were ahead of Roland by 6 points with only 3 minutes left and they put a serious full-court press on us and we collapsed; and they beat us by 4 or 6 points. Roland went on to the state tournament that year and the Roland coach was quoted in the Des Moines paper sports section when he referred to this game as a strong example of the fighting spirit of his Roland squad, and how they had a strong "not-give-up" team.

Ol' Milford Farmer notice: Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Some Reflections of Milford Basketball

by Dale Hughes '55

Playing basketball for Milford Township was a status that was almost taken for granted. When I was a freshman (1951-'52) there were only 13 fellows in grades 9-12. At the County tournament in Nevada, they permitted only 12 boys to "suit up" and so we three freshman boys (Dave Allen, Dale Carsrud, Dale Hughes) had to "draw straws" to see who wouldn't suit up. I was lucky-I got to suit up. The coach appealed to the tournament directors to get a waiver for our thirteenth man, but no luck. That response annoyed everyone, but nothing could be done.



1954-1955 Milford Bulldogs
Back: Coach Ev Cochrane, Peter Hadley, Jack Allen, Norman Honderd, William Thompson, Robert Jacobson, Art Borton, Duane Brodie-- Front Row: Larry Miller, Ronald Otto, Dale Hughes, David Allen, Alan Twedt, Vernon Olson- Manager.

Playing a Big Time Opponent in Des Moines
Fall 1954

by Dale Hughes

One of the most memorable games for me was the year I was a senior (1954-'55) and Coach Cochrane arranged a pick-up game against one of the biggest schools in Des Moines. When this event was first announced, it was to be almost like a regularly scheduled game with press, fans, parents, etc. It seems to me the game was on a Saturday morning. Over a period of a few days before the event, our opponent (I don't recall which school it was.) gradually proclaimed there would be no press, then no fans, then no parents, no cheer leaders, and finally, no girls. I assume Coach Cochrane objected to each new exception because he en-

joyed having the parents of the players present. But he drew the line at the last demand, and our Milford girls were permitted to attend.

Game day arrived and we took the longest sports-related bus ride of the year to Des Moines. We suited up in the nicest dressing room that we could imagine and wandered out onto the court where we looked at a gym that we could only dream about. The floor and adjacent area was so large, one did not have to have much imagination to see there was a haze in the hall. There was a massive ceiling that made me wonder if we were playing in an aircraft hangar renovated from B-17 storage and repair of World War Two.

Our opponents at the other end of the floor were doing all the highly trained pre-game drills and seemed to be trying to intimidate, or at least impress us; but somehow they did radiate an aura of "Ain't we the most gracious hosts to play these 'hayseeds' and let them on our court!"

Perhaps we Milford lads enjoyed this image of being the "country cousins" going to town (sort of in the Ma and Pa Kettle mode, which was popular at that time) and helped them by wandering and ambling around and looking at the immense place, speculating on how many hay bales or farm tractors you could store in a place like that. If we got ourselves to shoot organized lay-ups in two lines that's about as organized as we ever got before any game. We'd simply grab a rebound and go shoot a shot of our own selection. I often thought, and still do, if teams with all the fancy drills like that paid more attention to fundamentals and less to showmanship, they'd have a better team.

Game time: We pulled ahead and I think we held an 8-10 point lead with about 3 minutes left to play. At about this time, it became evident that it had sunk into the Des Moines guys that they might lose. Their coach had become more and more animated, along with being more red-faced. The tone of the game quickly changed to one more resembling rugby, with all the slapping, clawing, pushing, bumping, and in one case, tackling. The noise level was unbelievable for such a comparatively small crowd. Our reserves and fans were hollering at the refs to do a better job and at the same time attempting to verbally encourage us. And the Des Moines bunch was attempting to motivate their players to do more and not let the "hayseeds" win the game. Of course, the loudest voice in the auditorium was the opponents' coach.

The referees had lost control of the game. As I recall, Ron Otto suffered the most with claw marks and red welts. He was a very good ball handler and so the opponents thought they had to get rough with him to get the ball from him (and that is true—you could not take the ball from ol' Otto without getting physical. I know. I played against him on occasion in our haymow "league") and of all the times there should have been a foul called, I think he only ended up on the free-throw line once. That was about the same with everyone of us though, except the Des Moines fellows. If one of us fouled, rest assured the Des Moines guy got to the free-throw line. However, being familiar with "haymow" type ball playing from hours of playing in Neasham's (and other's) haymows, we didn't do too badly.

We ended up winning the game by three. And I have to say I would have hated to have been in the Des Moines players' locker room afterwards. Their coach had been yelling and screaming and stomping up and down the sidelines, waving his arms, with spit flying out of his mouth—actually flailing his arms. (I wouldn't have been surprised if he had dislocated a shoulder while the game was still being played.) There were times I thought he was going to keel over with a stroke or heart attack. Anyhow, we gained a lot of insight into a different technique of coaching. I never heard anything about that coach "kicking the can" so I guess he got over it.

Girls 6 on 6 Basketball

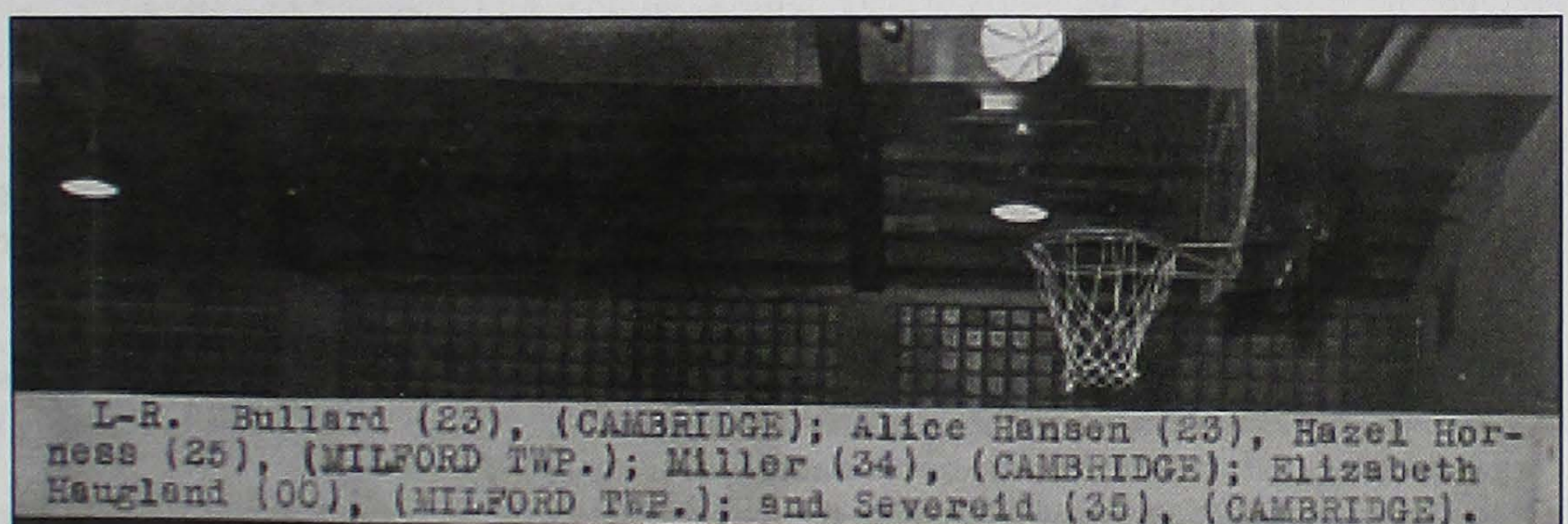
Ev Cochrane's Coaching Techniques; Defense

Opposite upper: One of the things to observe in this photo, taken during the Story Co. Tournament in the Story City gym in the winter of 1955, Shirley Meyers (12),'56, stepping in front of her "man" to help assure Milford Twp controls the tip. However, with Elizabeth Haugland '55, who was 6 foot or taller, in the jump ball, it was just about a sure thing Milford Twp was going to control the tip. Also, notice where the referee is looking-- not at the players' feet. Shirley Meyer went to Roland her senior year and was a starter on their fine girls' team.

Opposite lower: One of the techniques in this photo, taken at the same game as the other on this page, is the way the Milford Twp girls are blocking their "men" out and keeping their eyes on the ball. It also shows the white ball used in tournament for a number of years. Many of the female players of the era do not remember ever using the white ball. One of the things that makes this photo a quite unusual (but very noteworthy) shot is that the two Milford players most visible, Elizabeth Haugland (00) and Alice Hansen (23), (both 1955) both died at early ages (mid to late thirties) of two different types of cancer.

Girls' Six Player Defensive Game from the 1954-'55 Season

L-R. Bullard (23), (CAMBRIDGE); Shirley Meyer (12), (MILFORD TWP.); Severeid (35), (CAMBRIDGE); Elizabeth Haugland (00), (MILFORD TWP.); Miller (34), (CAMBRIDGE); and Alice Hansen (23), (MILFORD TWP.).



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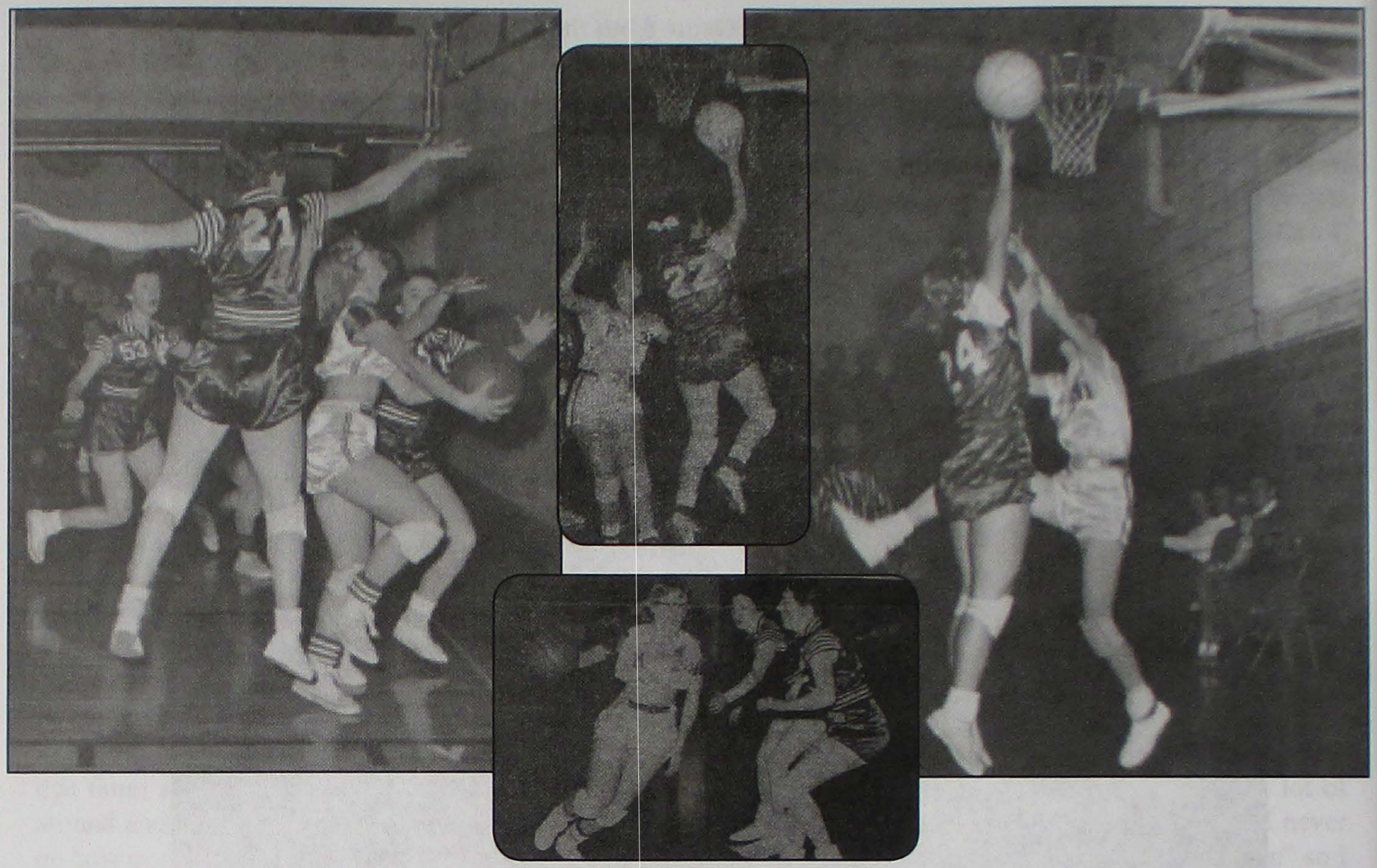

Jurine Borton '56, a mere 5'4 1/2" post forward, demonstrates a skill at shooting various shots taught by Coach Ev Cochrane (1953-1956) who preached the basics and fundamental skills of basketball. He emphasized that any player must maneuver and position herself to provide the best possible offensive position. He stressed the importance of developing a variety of shots to fit the situation and also the importance of reading the defense. In those days we didn't use body building, but those 5-gal buckets of water or feed, pulling big weeds out of the corn and beans plus pulling tassels and tossing hay bales did the trick.

Left and Insert: (1956) Jurine Borton ably demonstrates driving and a hook shot against three very good defenders from United Community at Milford Twp School. Her efforts of the evening resulted in scoring a career high 57 points in the losing effort. About two weeks later, UC was a contender at the 1956 Iowa Girls State Basketball Tournament in Des Moines where they were recognized for their outstanding defense.

Right: Jurine Borton, 24, puts up a jump shot against a surprised defender, Fernald's Donna Crosby. The white basketball was a short-lived experiment for girls basketball tournament play. Some records state the ball was used for 15 years but some players of the time do not remember ever using the white ball.

Top Insert: Hazel Horness puts the soft touch on the ball and gets a goal against Fernald's Karen Flynn during a 8 Nov 1955 game. Fernald won 67-55.

The last "6 on 6" tournament in Iowa and the Nation was played in Iowa in 1993. Hubbard-Radcliffe won that tournament. The IGHSAU had provided for both a "6 on 6" competition and a "5 on 5" game since 1979.

1951-'52 Girls Eligibility Rules Change

Starting in the season of 1951-1952, the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union announced changes in policy regarding girls' eligibility to participate in Varsity Basketball. **Players entering the eighth grade or less were no longer eligible to participate in high school athletics.** Alice Hansen '55 played for 5 varsity seasons.

Furthermore, no girl who is married is permitted to participate in athletics.

They established an 18 game limitation with no contest permitted before the first Friday in November. Plans were made to organize the first girls' state softball tournament beginning on Sept. 17 of 1951.

1955 Baseball Team Story

The 1955 Milford Twp Baseball team was not one of the best Milford Twp ever had. This could have been, in part, because of our relaxed attitude coupled with the understanding of Coach Cochrane. We practiced, I recall, twice during the entire spring of 1955. If the wind was blowing, someone would comment- "It's too windy, let's go shoot baskets". "OK" Coach Cochrane would say and we'd go shoot baskets. Or if was cool, "O, too cold" "go shoot baskets". Or if the sun was shining—"O, too bright"—"Go shoot baskets". Or if it was warm-- "O, too hot!" --- "Go shoot some hoops". There are some who thought this practice contributed to the great success the team had the following year.

BACK ROW: Earl Otto, David Allen, Coach Ev Cochrane, Art Borton, Eddie Allen, Wilbert Hadley. FRONT ROW: Duane Brodie, Larry Miller, Jack Allen, Ronald Otto, Peter Hadley, Loyd Hughes, Dale Hughes, Bob Jacobson, Jimmie Thompson.

On the other hand, we didn't do terrible. Dale Hughes set some type of a slugging record during one of the few victories at Shipley. He hit three triples and a home run in four at bats. It could have been three home runs and a triple, but he didn't run very hard which is difficult to do "carrying a piano on your back". We were experiencing a major victory so there was no pushing reason to push one's self. He used a 36 inch, home made looking bat that some thought should have been left home.

The story is told that the Roland team, when they came to Milford School to play against us, was put out of their vehicles by the Roland coach. One report says he ran his team a mile or more, while another says half a mile north of the Milford Ball Park. They had come down on the gravel road that ran straight north from the school. It is reported that this was done by the Roland coach to make the Roland fellows more worn-out and so they wouldn't humiliate us quite so much. Whatever the reason or logic, or the effect of the run, they beat us. It made for some good puns and laughs. Footnote: We could have been a quite good team because we had a good pitcher, pretty good infield, and pretty good speed. But our lack of a serious attitude (or a winning attitude) contributed to our mediocrity.

We Make the Des Moines Paper
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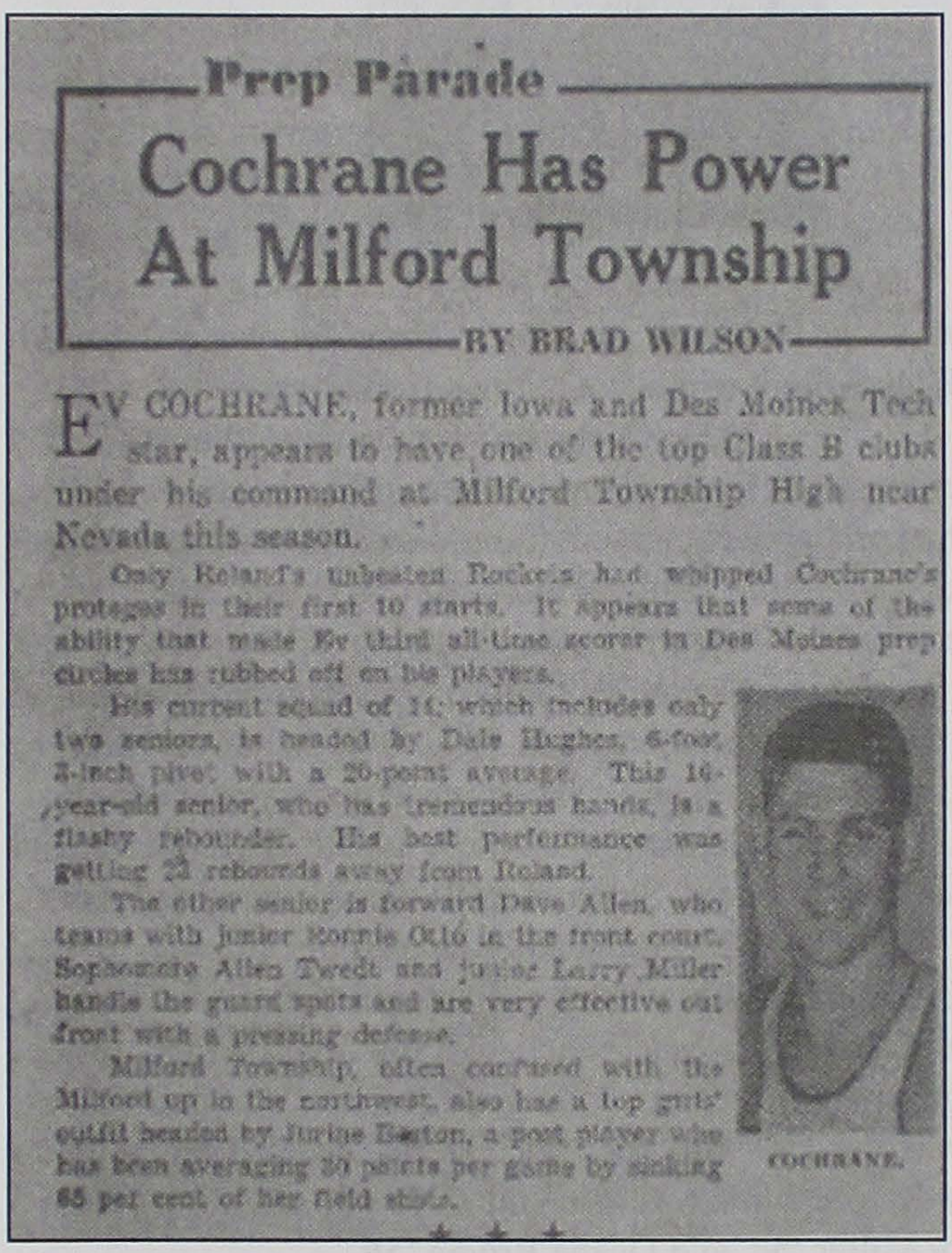

Prep Parade

Cochrane Has Power At Milford Township

BY BRAD WILSON

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1956: The Larry Miller Track Story

In 1955 and 1956 Milford Twp had no track team as such. However, there were some fellows in Milford High School who were renown for their speed afoot.

Coach Ev Cochrane was, by now, known for his enthusiasm for "pick up" games and sporting events. He had probably expressed his opinion concerning the speed of some of the Milford lads to the Colo track coach. It was the sort of discreet challenge that the Colo coach could not resist and he probably looked forward to a match as a training event for his team. Now Colo had a very formidable track team and was very deservedly proud of one of their fellows in particular who was setting records in the shorter distances. Some of these records stood for years.

The Milford "team" traveled the 15 miles to the Colo facility. This was the first time the Milford fellows had been on a "real" track, and the first time any of the guys had run using starting blocks, etc. The main event was the 100 yard dash and the real feature was a three way competition between the Colo star and our own Larry Miller '56, and Duane Brodie '56.

The Milford performers were clad in blue jeans, punctuated by stocking feet or bare feet while the Colo celebrity was in the latest track shoes and speedy looking apparel. Again, the Milford lads had never used starting blocks and didn't bother themselves with them this time.

Well, at the finish line, it was Larry Miller-first; the Colo star-second; and Duane Brodie finished a close third. Many would like to have heard the conversation between the two coaches after the meet. I'm sure the Colo coach found the words- My man slipped-coming into the banter-- or more likely-- My man was bumped. Anyway, it's a great story of how the Milford country boys met and conquered the well known athletes of the "big" school.

Larry was the class valedictorian and has become an avid golfer as of late and scored a "hole-in-one" on two different golf courses in Ames.

In 1958 he was the speaker at the Milford Twp Athletic Banquet.

In a bit of irony, Larry has had hip problems as an adult and had 5 hip operationscontributed to by many hours on his feet as a postal employee.

Larry had one son and this man was killed in a climbing accident in Utah on 26 Feb 1997.

Gary Thompson and Dale Hughes Talk about Milford and Roland

1956 Des Moines Tribune Photo

Gary Thompson talks with an old friend, Dale Hughes '55 (left) who looked him up before the basketball game when the Iowa State Cyclones Basketball Team played Oklahoma at Norman, Okla. The two played against each other in high school when Thompson was at Roland and Hughes was at Milford. Hughes went to Oklahoma to study geology. Gary was three times All State at Roland and three time All American at ISC.

Jurine Borton (1956), who was a great admirer of Thompson, had the option to select the Number 24 for her uniform, and so, for Milford girl's basketball, she was number "24". That was Gary's number when he played at Roland.

In the early fifties, a few Milford students caught the Roland bus at the Hughes farm and went to Carr's Pool in Ames for Red Cross swimming lessons.

1956 Loyd Hughes
"Out of the Park"

One week-end in the summer of 1956, Loyd Hughes '56, who had been a pitcher for Milford Twp's baseball team in 1954-'55 and 1955-'56, and a friend and their dates, went to a carnival in Webster City. While down on the midway he was challenged by both the "barker" and his friends to see if he could throw a baseball at some "milk bottles" that were arranged on top of a barrel and not only knock them over but off the top of the barrel. "Hey kid, why not give it a try---win a stuffed animal for your lady friend" and "Go ahead, Lord Charles**, it should be a snap for you!" Loyd, who enjoyed a challenge and was noted locally for his accuracy at pitching, "play-acted" to be reluctant, and stepped up to throw. After winning three large stuffed animals in short order, he was told, in not too polite terms to leave the booth, that they were not going to let him throw again.

So, he and his friends walked away-- Now with three large stuffed animals, it wasn't long before he ran into some other friends who wanted to have some stuffed animals for their girlfriends so they talked Loyd into changing shirts and caps with one of the guys and together they went over to the same booth and again Loyd, in short order, this time with his friends' money, won a couple of large stuffed animals. Then one of the proprietors of the booth looked at Loyd more carefully, and this time threatened to call the cops to have him thrown "out of the park" if he came over to that booth again. Anyhow, it had been fun and they had five or six large stuffed animals to pack in the cars and a good story to tell.

The Milford baseball teams in those middle years of the fifties were not noted for the superb play and winning records, but Loyd was noted for his ability to "pick at the corners" with his pitching. He did not have the fast fast ball that some others had but his accuracy made him a quite successful, for our team, pitcher.

** "Lord Charles" was a nick name from the mispronunciation of Loyd's name of Loyd Charles.

Loyd "passed away" in Nov of '98 from a stomach cancer. A short note from a 1956 classmate- (When Loyd was terminally ill). Although his body had withered, rather than appearing stout and healthy and his penetrating smile was gone, too; yet his stature and infectious smile had never really faded away for anyone that knew him. He is fondly remembered as "Lord Charles".

* **Kittenball Effort** *

In Sept of 1934, an independent team of Kittenball players from Milford beat the Nevada west side team 11-2 in a fund raiser for the Christmas fund. No mention of how much was raised or how the money was collected; whether by "passing the hat" or by an admission charge. The crowd was light as the weather was quite cool for an early fall evening. The reporter was quite impressed with the Milford Kittens, as he called them, and speculated that even a combination of the West side and the East side teams of Nevada could not defeat the team lead by Jacobson on the mound with B and J Alfred, R Brodie, P Allen, Arrismith, Larson, E Prescott, Tjelland, and Ersland making up the Milford ten. It was part of Kittenball league that was in place in Nevada at the time.

Ol' Milford farmer wonder: if we're not to eat animals, why are they made from meat?

1957 Alan Twedt Takes One for the Team

Alan Twedt '57 was a happy-go-lucky, good-looking fellow who was a good athlete (He had played on both the 1956 and 1957 Milford Basketball teams that won the Story County Basketball Championships). Naturally he was a member of the baseball squad and on that baseball team he played shortstop.

One day at spring baseball practice, the coach was hitting some grounders to the infield players. He hit one at Alan. (We all called him Tweedy Bird) Ol' Tweedy Bird simply puts his glove down to the ground at full arm's length, lifts his chin and turns his face to the side. "Good golly, Tweedy Bird, stay down on the ball-- it can't hurt you!!" the coach yells at him. "Here, take another." as he hits him a blue darter grounder. Zip, Zip the ball darts across the ground and that second zip it jumps up and hits ol' Tweedy Bird smack on the mouth. Well, Mr Alan Twedt has just had his four upper front teeth knocked loose and they don't recover so he lost his four front teeth.

Tweedy Bird makes lemonade out of lemons, and gets a special set of front teeth made and somehow gets the word "Cyclones" embossed on the teeth so when he smiled, there's the ISU message smiling at you

Alan passed away in Sept of 2002 shortly after retirement and moving to Florida. He had just finished his routine morning jog on the beach.

In High School, Alan often danced on WOI "17" and won many dinners at the Solar Inn from the dance competition. He was well known for immitating Elvis. Picture in Chapter VII, page 263.

Alan and Myrna Twedt

Alan Twedt '57, looks elated at some event he and his wife, Myrna, were attending. It looks somewhat like a bride and groom shot but it isn't. They were married almost 40 years when Alan passed away in the fall of 2002.
Found out later this shot was taken in 1969 or '70 when he was the Exalted Ruler of the Elks in Ames.
Short article about their daughter on page 207.

The New Gymnasium
from the 1957 Yearbook

"Our new addition was to have been completed by the beginning of the 1956-'57 school year, but due to the steel strike during the summer, operations were delayed. During the first few months of school the studying of the students was accompanied by the usual construction sounds. We were all very happy when the building was completed and things settled back to normal.

"December 6 was the first basketball practice in the gym. Both basketball teams appreciated having the gym at last, for they had been traveling to surrounding schools for their practices. The whole community looked forward to the first game played in the gym which was against McCallsburg on December 7, 1956. The athletic and beef producers banquet, P. T. A. programs, and part of the boys' county tournament were a few of the activities held in our gym this year. The gym has a seating capacity of 700. The stage in the gym is much larger than our former stage. A project is under way for new stage curtains.

"Among the other improvements on the first floor level are the new and larger locker rooms and the new shop. The former shop room has been redecorated and is now used by the band.

"The second floor has also undergone some changes. With the addition of three large rooms we now have a home economics laboratory, an audio video room, and a kindergarten room.

"The home economic girls and Mrs Sandell are very pleased with their new room. They have been working hard and now the room looks as if it were taken from an interior decorating magazine. Teaching and learning are both easier in pleasant surroundings.

"The fifteen kindergarten students and their teacher, Mrs Phil Allen, are enjoying their new kindergarten room. They have ample space to play in the room; they have a small sink and a drinking fountain for their own use in their room.

"We, the students at Milford High, appreciate "Our New Addition" and will do our best to keep it new. "

It is reported that Norene Hughes '59 scored the first goal for Milford and Steve Waugh '62R scored the last field goal for Milford in a regulation game to be played on this floor.

Mrs Martin directs PE time

Mrs Sandell's new Home Economics Room

Mrs Allen's new Kindergarten Room

Ol' Milford Farmer think: Asking stupid question better than fixing stupid mistake.

Milford Twp County Champs 1957

Back Row: David Bhend, Bill Jacobson, Earl Otto, Roger Thompson, Charles Larson, Ronnie Strother, Bill Thompson, Eddie Allen, Coach Lou Schrader: Front Row: Bob Jacobson (57), Norman Honderd (57), Art Borton (57), Peter Hadley (57) and Alan Twedt (57).

Picture from the annual of 1957 See also page 165.

Milford Wins the Story County Championship.
For the second year in a row
Milford's third County Title

Speed Limit

In 1942 the speed limit in Iowa was set at "Reasonable and Proper". By 1959 the limits were 70 mph day and 65 night and on the interstates 75 day and 65 night.

In 1973 the National Speed limit was set at 55 mph and this was changed by the Iowa Legislature to 65 on four lane divided highways in 1995

Arts, Drama, and Music in Milford Township

1917 Pleasant Grove Orchestra

Here's a real surprise from the Nevada Paper in June of 1917:

"The Pleasant Grove Boys' Orchestra will have its ice cream social on Thursday Evening."

This is the only reference found of this organization-- Boys Orchestra-- no indication of size, when or why it was founded, who was the driving force behind it, where the instruments came from, how long it survived, etc. No record of how well the social was attended or how much money they raised or, in fact, whether it was simply an occasion for the orchestra to entertain and impress the family, friends and neighbors.

Margaret Hereim (aka Mrs Gilreath) represented Milford in an All-State chorus in Nov of 1929 and sang with them for a teachers convention in Des Moines.

1931 First Consolidated Chorus in Story County

Adapted from the Nevada Paper of 16 May 1931:

"A chorus of 285 voices sang in the first consolidated school chorus ever heard in Story County which was assembled in the Milford Consolidated School auditorium Friday afternoon under the direction of Prof. Harry Kauffman, Extension Music Director at Iowa State Teacher's college in Cedar Falls."

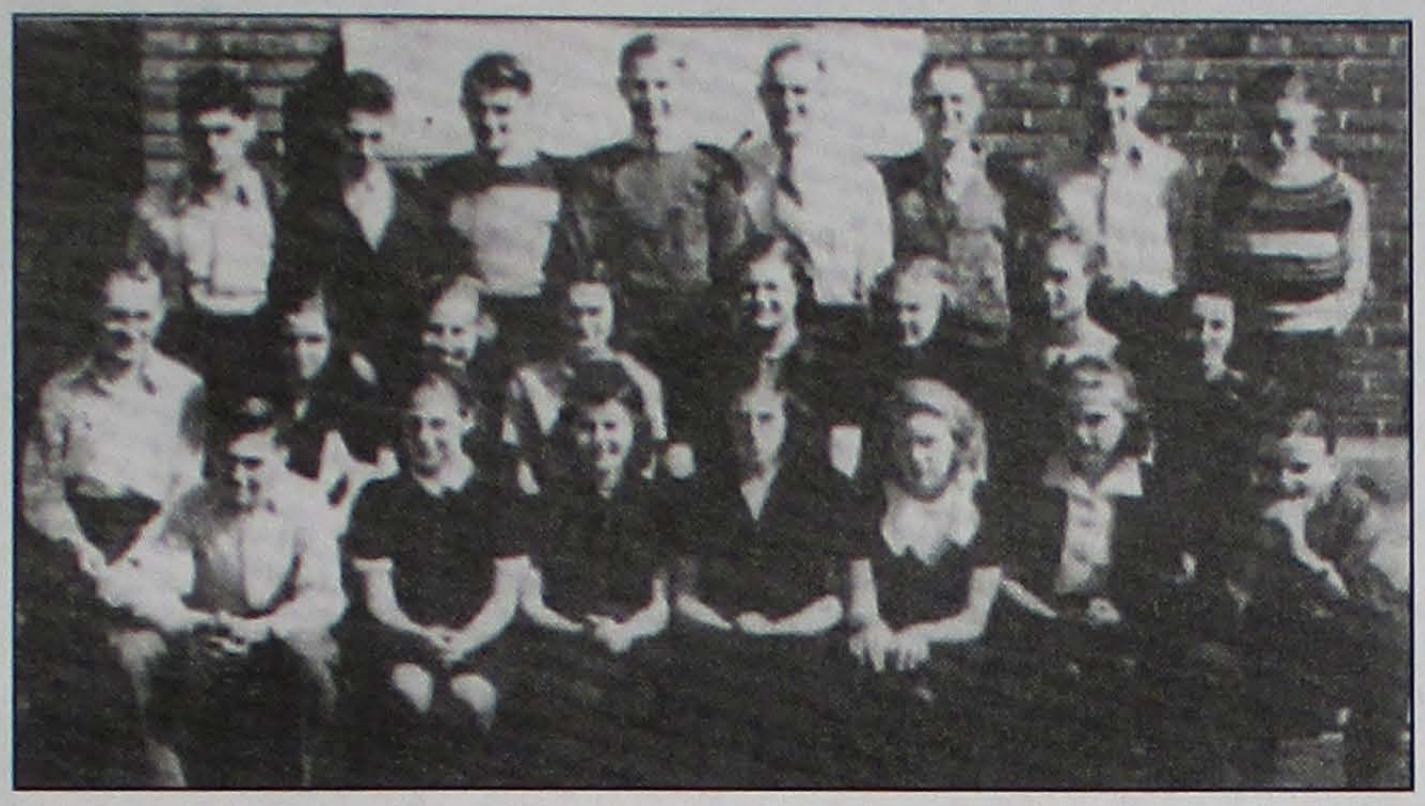
The participating schools were Gilbert Consolidated School, North Grant, Roland Consolidated, and Milford Twp. Gilbert supplied a group of 125 students. The teachers and students had practiced the music at their respective schools by using phonograph records.

There was "so much" interest in the project that it was proposed to attempt an all county consolidated school chorus the next year but no record of this event or a similar one could be found.

This event was held in conjunction with the Milford eighth grade commencement with special musical groups from the various schools presenting their selections. No length of the program was stated but it would seem this was a lengthy production. The place must have been packed as the estimation of the crowd was placed at 500 people.

1932Dramatics Competition

In Jan of 1932 Milford High School participated in a County wide competition and Mary Allen won 1st place in the Humorous Divisio with a preformance of "Ma at the BaseBall Game" and Mabel Hansen won 2cd with her rendition of "The Greatest Gift".



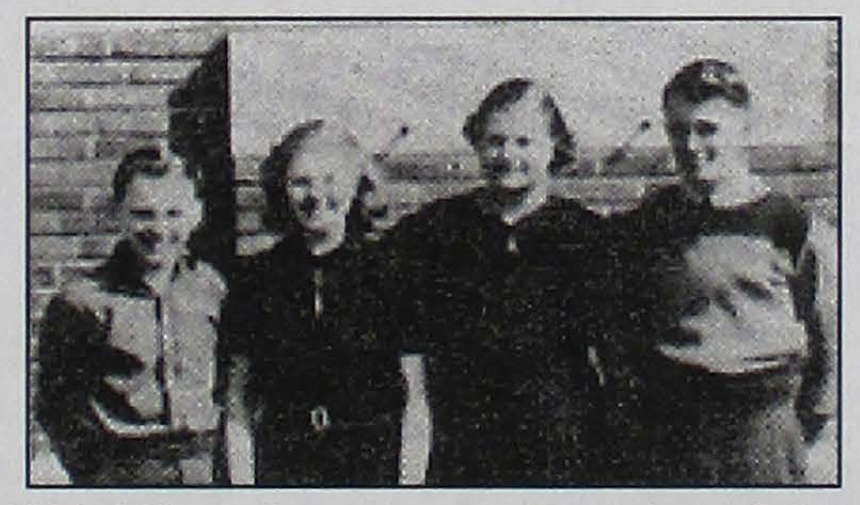
1939 Milford High School Glee ClubClub

Left: Note the sharp looking fellow (Edward Larsen) in the back row, fourth from the left with his white collared shirt and his "M" club sweater. Back Row: Robert Cooper, Dixon Harper, James McCord, Edward Larsen, Kermit Sorensen, Raymond Sorensen, Ben Durby, U. Middle Row: Arnold Nelson, three U, Mary Olinger, Inez Sampson, Betty Arneson, Margaret Edgerton. Front Row: Harland Harper Jr, U, Dorothy Harper, three U, Bill Brekke.

Nevada Paper 27 March 1939: *Wednesday, 29 March 1939, is the scheduled date for the Milford one-act play cast in the "District Contest" to appear at Iowa City for the annual play production festival Those schools with whom Milford will compete are Miles Monona, and Ocheyedan. The playing time is 9:30 Am/. In order to raise funds to defray expenses to Iowa City, the play was given Thursday 22 March as a part of the PTA program, at which time a free will offering was taken Those of the play cast are Delores Borts, Margaret Edgerton, Dixon Harper, Edward Larson, and Inez Sampson. Maxine Murdock is the dramatic coach.*

They had won first place in the Story County contest finals earlier against Colo, and Huxley.

1939 Mixed Quartet



The 1939 Mixed Quartet: greatly enlarged from a very small snapshot. Bill Brekke, Inez Sampson, Mary Olinger, and James McCord. Bill was a freshman, Mary was a Junior and Inez and James were seniors. They rated quite well at the State Music Contest in 1939. Both the 1939 music group pictures were taken on the west side of the School in front of a flower box that was about seven feet from the ground. The teachers did not want the students climbing up to this commanding platform but, never the less, it was a challenge that could not be resisted.

This James Photo from 1940 is reproduced almost entirely uncropped to show some of the detail of the gymnasium. The high quality stage curtain, which when installed in 1924, cost between $450 and $500 dollars and was bought from Tilden's Dept. Store in Ames. The embroidered "M" that was in the top drapery is not shown but it added a real touch of class. (A typical teacher's salary in 1924 was about hundred dollars a month- The salary scale had slipped in the 1930's.)

Notice the smaller Center Court Circle and not the 12 foot circle that evolved later, and notice the paint scheme on the wall at right with a portion of the heating system just barely visible. Note the high gloss finish to the floor. What the line on the floor going across the floor just to the extreme right of the picture is used for is not known. Miss Pauline Bathe is the instructor.

1940 Drama - Wins 1st in Play Contest

Milford Consolidated School's one-act play cast was awarded first place in the finals of the Story County one-act play contest held at Milford Twp School on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1940.

Nine schools had originally participated in this contest and the participants in the finals were casts from Milford Twp, Fernald, and McCallsburg. Milford Twp won first; McCallsburg won second and Fernald placed third.

"Life With Willie" was the name of the play done by the Milford performers. The cast consisted of Harlan Harper, Arnold Nelson, DeLores Borts, Ruby Nassen, Bill Christy, and Betty Burley.

1940 Mixed Chorus

Opposite Middle- Front: Juella Johnson, Ruby Nassen, Doris Jacobson, Ardyce Grimsley, Kathline Matters, Myrtle Nassen, Kathryn Day, Ione Sampson, Alyce Burley. Middle Row: Bill Christy, Dorothy Harper, Dorothy Molde, Delores Borts, Peggy Eller, Doris Bailey, Miss Pauline Bathe (Teacher), Kathy Combs, Sally Hansen, Jeanne Stratton, Marie Nassen, Leo Tjelmeland. Top Row: Donald Halverson, ? Combs, Glen Sampson, Arnold Nelson, Harold Tjelmeland, Richard Comfort, Stanley Egland, Edward Larson, Kermit Sorensen, ? Combs, Dixon Harper, Harlan Harper.

1943 Boy's Glee Club

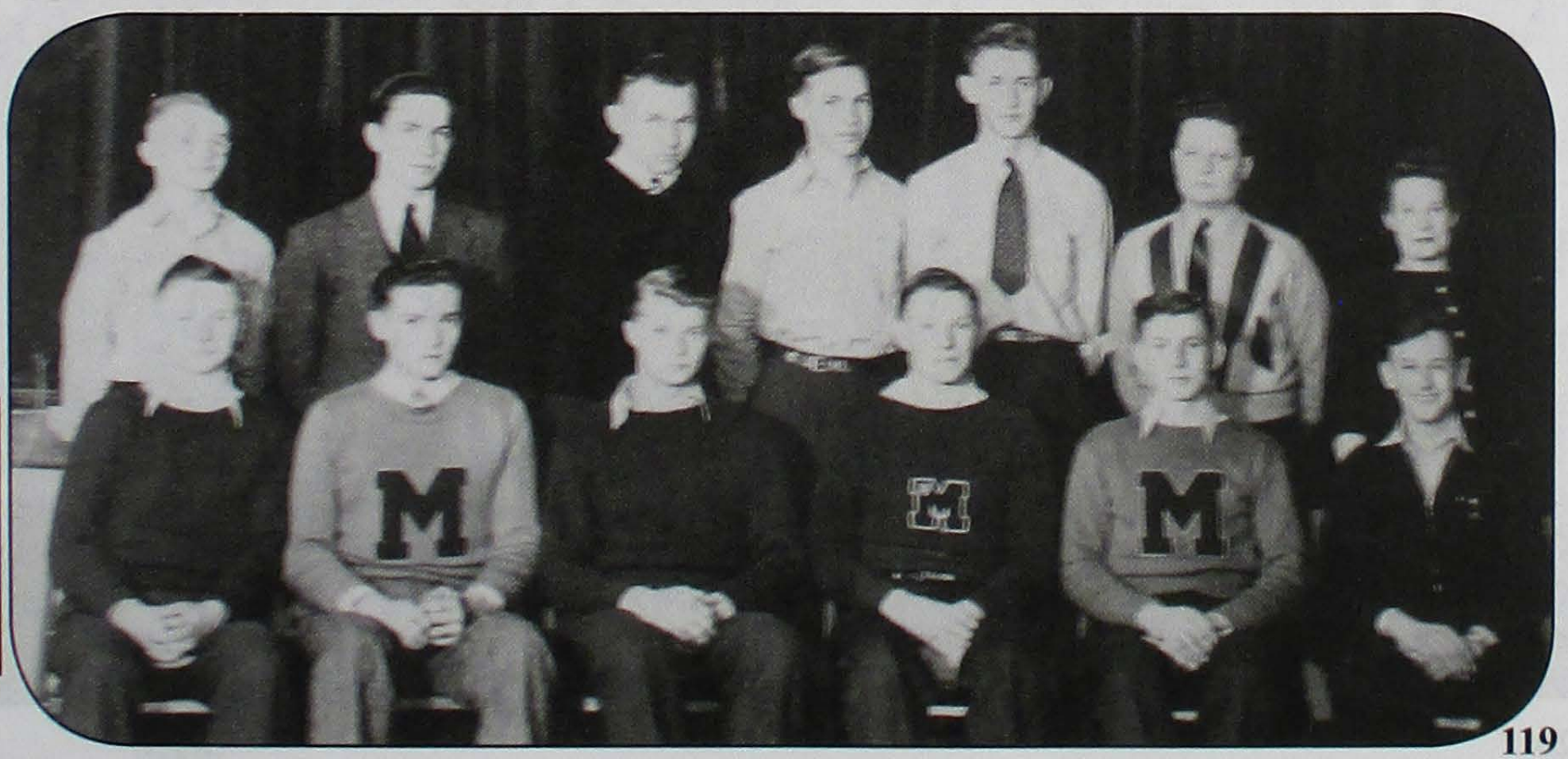
Opposite Bottom- Back Row: Clayton Clifford, Bill Christy, Harold Tjelmeland, Don Halverson, Gerald Borwick, Gordon Bivens, teacher Miss Eunice Berglund. Front Row: Leo Tjelmeland, Earl Johnson, Carroll Arneson, Richard Comfort, Glen Sampson, Russell Morfey. Note the sharp looking "Letter Sweaters" worn by Earl Johnson and Glen Sampson with a different style (speculation - it is a Music Award Letter) worn by Richard Comfort.

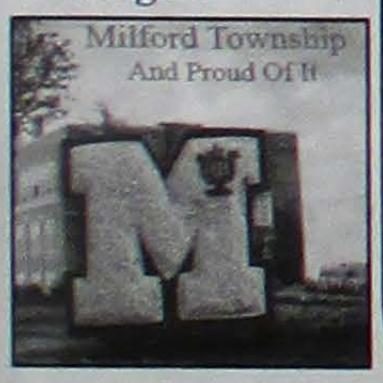
Above: 1940 Junior Orchestra : Only two students are identified from this photo. One is the fellow in front with the violin. This is Richard Warren. To the immediate right of Warren is Gorden Bivens. Both these fellows went on to be recognized as "Distinguished Professors" at ISU in 1983- page 208. Miss Bathe, Director.

Right: 1940 Mixed Chorus Identification on previous page.

Lower Right: 1943 MHS Boys Glee Club

Below: Ila Mae Bailey '46 earned this band letter. By the mid fifties they were no longer issued. Compare with those of 1927, page 133, and those in the glee club picture on the right.





1947 Music -Milford Music Hits the Big Time

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SATURDAY, MAY 10

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Chairman—MR. GWYNN GREENE

Judge—LORRAIN E. WATTERS

BOYS' VOCAL QUARTET	a. m.
1. Springfield, Missouri	8:30
2. Springfield, Missouri	8:36
3. Wymore, Nebraska	8:42
4. Bedford, Iowa	8:48
5. Columbus, Nebraska (Kramer High)	8:54
6. Mapleton, Iowa	9:00
7. Guttenberg, Iowa	9:06
8. White, South Dakota	9:12
9. North Platte, Nebraska	9:18
10. Dallas Center, Iowa	9:24
11. Scottsbluff, Nebraska	9:30
12. Nevada, Iowa (Milford Cons.)	9:36
13. Davenport, Iowa	9:42
14. Sigourney, Iowa	9:48
15. Humeston, Iowa	9:54
16. Chappell, Nebraska	10:00
17. Holmesville, Nebraska	10:06
18. Nevada, Iowa (Nevada H. S.)	10:12
19. Clarksville, Missouri	10:18
20. Joplin, Missouri	10:24
21. Oakgrove, Missouri	10:30
22. Pulaski, Iowa	10:36

Left: The Milford Twp Boy's Quartet, composed of seniors (L to R) Richard Stevenson, Dick Couser, Joe Harper, Stanley Sorem, represented Milford Twp, and Iowa, at the National School Music Competition Festival for Region Nine, at St. Joseph, Mo, on May 9 and 10, 1947.

Right Photo: Two Milford girls, Junior Dorothy Murrow, left, an Alto; and Senior Dorothy Tendall, a Metro Soprano received ratings at the national level. This followed winning "one" ratings at the County Contest and winning "one" ratings at the State Music Contest. Music Teacher, Mrs Rhea, Supt Swim, Mr and Mrs Harlan Harper Sr went with the students to St Joseph. They both credit Mrs Ramsey, an earlier music teacher, for much of their success. The 1947 Milford Glee Club also rated a Superior at the State Meet in Boone but did not participate at the National level. Pg 307 also.

1950 Milford All School Band

Back Row: Dick Thompson, Carrol Rierson, Ed Needham, Ronald Otto, Duane Brodie, Gary Tjelmeland, Wilbert Hadley, Jurine Borton, Alice Hansen, Donna Sorem, Dale & Loyd & Norene Hughes, Middle Row: Dirc. R.N. Kjerland, Clarion Thompson, Dean Safly, Richard & Larry Roberts. Rhoda Honderd, LeRoy Gardner, Dan Needham, Juanita & Lois Warren, Norma Jean Gardner, Alice Grindem, Florine Borton. Front Row: Doradene Brodie, Jerry Jacobson, Roy Hartman, Art Sorem, Marlene Jacobson, Georgia Roberts, Marlin Jorgensen.

1951 Band

Perhaps the largest band Milford Township ever had

CORNETS:

Richard Roberts
Dick Neasham
Ronald Otto
Alan Twedt
Robert Baldus
Norman Hondred
Edwin Needham
Duane Brodie
Peter Hadley
Bobby Jacobson

TROMBONES:

Clarion Thompson
Doradene Brodie

BARITONE:

Larry Roberts

BASS:

Jerry Jacobson

FLUTE:

Dale Hughes

CLARINETS:

Alice Hanson
Donna Rae Steward
Arlene Steward
Norine Hughes

SAXOPHONES:

Alyce Grindem
Florine Borton
Loyd Hughes
Arthur Borton
Jerry Baldus

DRUMS:

Roy Hartman
Arthur Sorem
Marlene Jacobson
Georgia Roberts

DIRECTOR:

Mrs. Hoffman

BATON TWIRLERS:

Margaret Thompson
Ruth Warren
Beverly Jacobson
Georgia Jacobson
Marcia Jacobson
Doris Pauly
Janet Rasmussen
Shirley Davis
Mary Kay Baldus
Norine Hughes
Gwen Jacobson
Dixie Thomas
Diana Neasham
Rita Reinhart
Linda Carstad
Connie Brooks
Bernita Jacobson

Milford's first band uniforms were purchased from the Salvation Army in the Fall of 1949. Whether they were the uniforms the Salvation Army Band wore or were donated to the Salvation Army by some other school to be sold for money is not known.

1954 Band

Perhaps the smallest All School Band at Milford

Front: Perry Frey, Gene Roberts, Stephen Brooks, Diane Neasham, Connie Brooks. Middle: Ronald Strother, Bill Jacobson, Norene Hughes, Janet Hansen, Richard Neasham, Jurine Borton. Back: Alan Twedt, Bob Jacobson, Loyd Hughes, Dale Hughes, Mrs Brandenburg, Norman Honderd.

1953-'54 Class Play Production
Was it an Incident or an Insurrection?

By Dale Hughes '55

One of the most repeated stories told of an incident that occurred at Milford Twp Cons School revolved around a high school play in which a shotgun blew a hole in the wall of the stage in the gym.

On Oct. 27, 1953, the juniors and seniors (classes of '54 and '55) put on a play, "Comin' round the Mountain". The simple plot involved a bunch of city slickers coming to the home of a hillbilly family and one of the visitors wanting to elope with one of the attractive daughters.

Near the end of the play, when the city slickers were fixing to leave with the attractive daughter, I, who played the part of her father, decided that something had to be done to prevent this elopement so I pointed my 16 gauge shotgun at the back wall of the stage, (actually, that represented the front door of our humble cabin) and pulled the trigger. A quiet snap followed almost immediately by the most horrendously loud explosion and cloud of white and grey smoke was the result. The noise echoed in the confines of the stage and gym with such an extreme volume that it was surprising some plaster didn't fall from the ceiling. When the smoke had cleared enough to see– there on the back wall, about 5 ½ -6 feet above the floor, was a hole about an inch and a half in diameter in the press board that served as a wall. Needless to say, the crowd was a little aghast and we players were more than a little taken aback by the unexpected commotion of the blast. During rehearsal all we had done was point the shotgun and say, "Boom".

I had the next line after the blast and that was, "Does that do anything to change your mind?" And never in the history of Milford Twp dramatics (or for that matter, rarely in the history of theatrical performances) has a line been delivered with such a tone of convincing inflection. "Yes, yes— yes it does!" said a very nervous and convinced Forest Petrus. He was the fellow who was the romantic interest of my daughter and the instigator of the elopement plot. The audience just absolutely roared in laughter and applauded their encouragement.

After the play many people came onto the stage- among them Coach Cochrane and Superintendent Hauswirth. (You know- the most authoritative people in our remarkable school). Coach Cochrane, who also was the principal, was his usual 'laid back' self and commented something to the effect "You guys put on quite an entertaining performance" and E J Hauswirth*, who rarely said anything to me, said, "You boys really did it this time!" And he said it in a almost dry, matter-of-fact way. "You boys" —that was Dave Allen and myself. That was all that ever was said to me about the incident from the point of view of any discipline that might have come from the blast.

This memorable incident was all precluded by an event three or four days earlier when Dave Allen brought a couple of shotgun shells to school after being asked to arrange for a shotgun blast for the play. (He brought the shotgun and the shells to School on the bus) He had heard that if one were to take the shot out of the shells and replace it with damp Kleenex tissue it would make a good "blank". So, a few days before the play, in a corner of the area behind the stage, we took the shot from the shell and finger pressed a bunch of damp Kleenex into the shell and then, setting the butt of the shotgun on the floor and pointing the thing at the ceiling, we knelt down and cautiously pulled the trigger. A loud and mushy boom and the Kleenex sailed up to the ceiling and stuck there. Perfect!! So we made the other shell for usage the night of the play. Well, the best plans of mice and men—we hadn't anticipated the drying effect that a few days would have; and apparently the Kleenex dried to a relatively hard mass and that was the culprit the night of the play.

For years afterward people would ask me about this incident and I could tell by the way the question was formed and asked what some of the things they had heard had been. Even 15 or 20 years later strangers might mention it and ask something like, "Aren't you the guy who took the shotgun to the school up at Milford a few years ago?" "Hey, Dale, what were you doing blowing a hole in the wall at your school?" etc. etc. So I could imagine that with each telling of the story it was embellished and enhanced to the point that would make the tale of the incident sound like the description of insurrection by the students of majestic Milford Township School.

Also, for years afterward, when ever this subject of this story comes into the conversation, mention is always made of just how lucky all of us had been that no one was hurt; that no one was standing behind the wall where the projectile came through the wall and might have ricocheted in the walk way behind the stage. When the play was being preformed that evening I had thought about the possibility that Kleenex might ricochet off the wall and strike the other people on the stage so I aimed almost perpendicular to the wall before pulling the trigger. And so, a legend was created by simple process of closing an index finger.

* E J Hauswirth had been a Captain in the Army between the wars and thusly was probably not used to being a "direct disciplinarian". Play cast photo on page 262.

Opposite Page Lower, Back Row: Loyd Hughes, Marlin Jorgensen, Fritz Morris, Clarion Thompson, Dale Hughes, Duane Brodie, Norman Honderd, Vernon Olson, Director- Mrs Munson. Middle Row: Arlene Steward, Alice Hansen, Georgia Roberts, Jurine Borton, Elizabeth Haugland, Sandra Mortvedt, Marlene Morfey, Shirley Meyer, Barbara Sorem, Judith Jorgensen. Front Row: Doradene Brodie, Dorothy Sodders, Hazel Horness, Janet Anderson, Irene Hodgson, Margaret Thompson, Ruth Warren, Shirley Molde, and Donna Sorem. Missing: David Allen

1942
Mixed Chorus

Front Row: Dorothy Harper, Sally Hansen, Juella Johnson, Doris Jacobson, Kathline Matters, Myrtle Nassen, Betty Burley, Katherine Olinger, Dorothy Molde, Jeanne Stratton, Beulah Walston. Back Row: Clayton Clifford, Bill Christy, Leo Tjelmeland, Harold Tjelmeland, Earl Johnson, Donald Halverson, Richard Comfort, Gerald Borwick, Carrol Arneson, Glen Sampson, Bill Sharpe, Gordon Bivens, ? Borwick, Lois Sorensen, Marie Nasson, Isabelle Brooks, Music Teacher Miss Eunice Berglund.

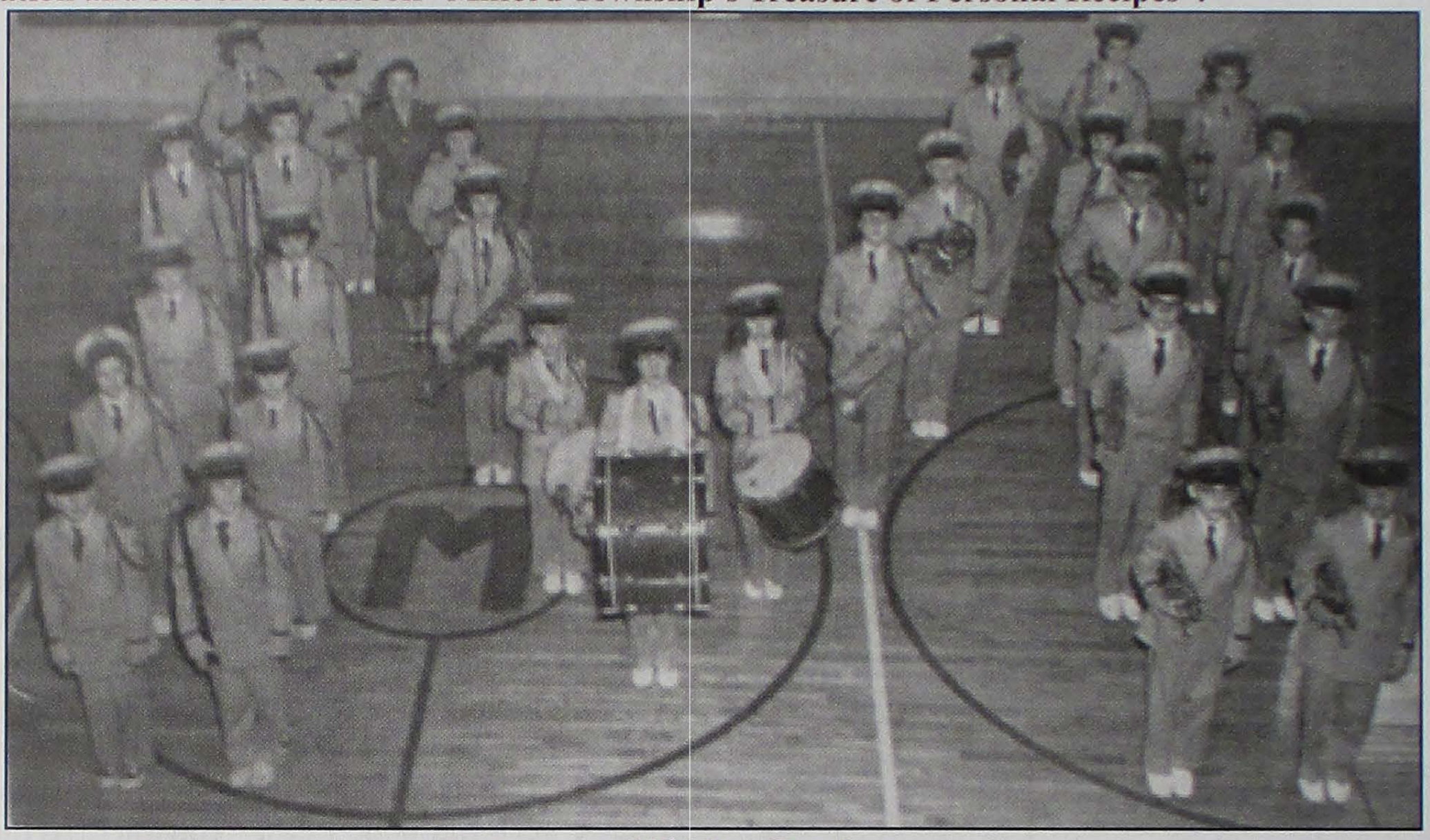
1951 Mixed Chorus

Front: Donna Rae Steward, Florine Borton, Lois Larson, Lois Warren, Juanita Warren, Marlene Jacobson, Norma Jean Gardner, Alyce Matters, Joan Cooper. Middle: Mrs Doughty, Helen Horness, Richard Sorem, Dan Needham, Jerry Jacobson, Robert Latham, LeRoy Gardner, Arthur Sorem, Anne Allen, Alice Grindem. Back: Bob Williams, John Wakefield, Rodney Hansen, Larry Roberts, Eugene Mortvedt, Richard Roberts, Dean Crowe, Roy Hartman.

1954
Mixed
Chorus

1956 Marching Band

Below: This is an excellent picture of the floor of the 1924 Milford Twp gym which shows how close the top of the key came to the center circle and also shows the over-back line going between the top of the key and the free throw circle. This line-- over-back line--did not exist, except at the half-line, in 1955. From this photo one could calculate the length of the basketball court. In 1955 the band wore dark blue uniforms with an army leather belt over the shoulder, some say they came from the Salvation Army, so these are the spiffy new gray uniforms bought with funds raised at such events as a talent show held in Sept '55 and the creation and sale of a cookbook "Milford Township's Treasure of Personal Recipes".



1956 Pep Band

Stephen Brooks, Steven Waugh, Ronald Rasmusson, Connie Petersen, Nadine Safly, Joan Petrone, Dixie Thomas, Connie Brooks, Linda Hughes, Sandra Sorem, Rita Reinhart. Mrs Voigt in charge.

Right: 1956 Polka Band
with Jerry Book at the Helm

Left to right: Jerry Book, Connie Petersen, Ronnie Strother, Julie Cox, Nadine Safly, and Mrs Voigt. Notice the very young age of some of participating members in all these photos. This is one of the advantages of a school such as ours-- One could participate at most any age and ability, just have the desire to be a part of the organization. Or, start your own.

Insert: Jerry Book '59.

Below: 1959 Concert Band,
C.P. Thompson Director.

CONCERT BAND

FRONT ROW: Norene Hughes, Julie Cox, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Karen Thompson, James Cooper, Maxine Horness, Barbara Jacobson, Karen Hughes, Sharon Thompson, Dennis Brooks, Marcia Rasmusson, Linda Brooks, Linda Hughes. BACK ROW: Connie Brooks, Sandra Sorem, Rita Reinhart, Marvin Smith, Dorothy Anderson, Sharon Nelson, Nadine Safly, Bruce Strother, Connie Petersen, Dick Thompson, Gene Roberts, Ronnie McVey, Larry Donaldson, Wayne Wierson, Ronnie Brooks, Ron Rasmusson, Steve Waugh, Bernita Jacobson, Loren Book, Mark Danielson, Gary Brooks, Larry Thompson. STANDING: Mr. C. P. Thompson, Director; Sharyl Buchanan, Dennis Twedt, Steve Brooks, Dale Sorem.

Cheerleaders

1943: No Cheerleaders Yearly lists very incomplete

1944: Cheerleaders, no picture: Marie Nassen, Betty Burley, Dorothy Molde, and Isabelle Brooks.

1945: None known

1946: Jack Morris

1947: Cheerleaders, no picture: Rose Larson, Alyce Matters, Mary Rierson and one unknown.

1948: Merril Anderson, Richard Sorem, Alyce Matters, Alyce Grindem, Roy Hartman, and Anne Allen.

1949: Merril Anderson, Art Sorem, Anne Allen, Roy Hartman, Alice Grindem

1950: Alyce Matters, Alice Grindem

1951: Alice Grindem, Margaret Thompson, Ruth Warren, Fritz Morris, Alice Hansen

1951 Jr Hi: Donna Sorem, Dave Allen, Jurine Borton, Ron Otto

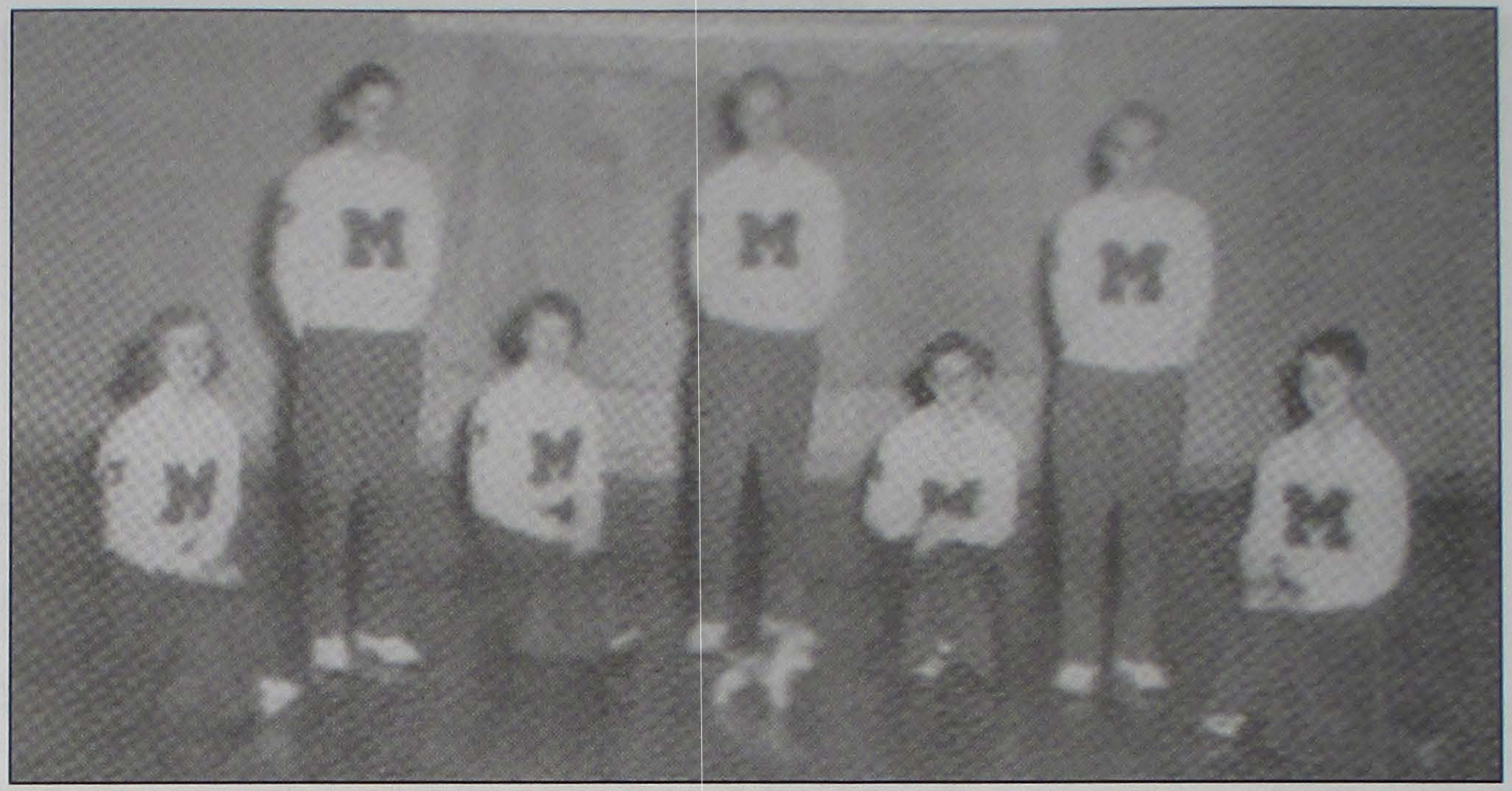
Above - 1952 Cheerleaders:
Above: Ruth Warren, Dick Roberts, Margaret Thompson, Clarion Thompson, Alice Grindem, Fritz Morris, Alice Hansen.

Jr. Hi: Barb Sorem Jurine Borton, Norman Honderd,Duane Brodie

Below - 1953 Cheerleaders:
Below: Ruth Warren, Fritz Morris, Margaret Thompson, Clarion Thompson, Alice Hansen, Richard Roberts.

1954 Cheerleaders
Above: Georgia Roberts, Fritz Morris, Alice Hansen, Duane Brodie, Ruth Warren, Clarion Thompson, Standing: Mrs Donnielson.

1955 Cheerleaders
Below: Shirley Meyer, David Allen, Georgia Roberts, Duane Brodie, Alice Hansen, Norman Honderd, Irene Hodgson

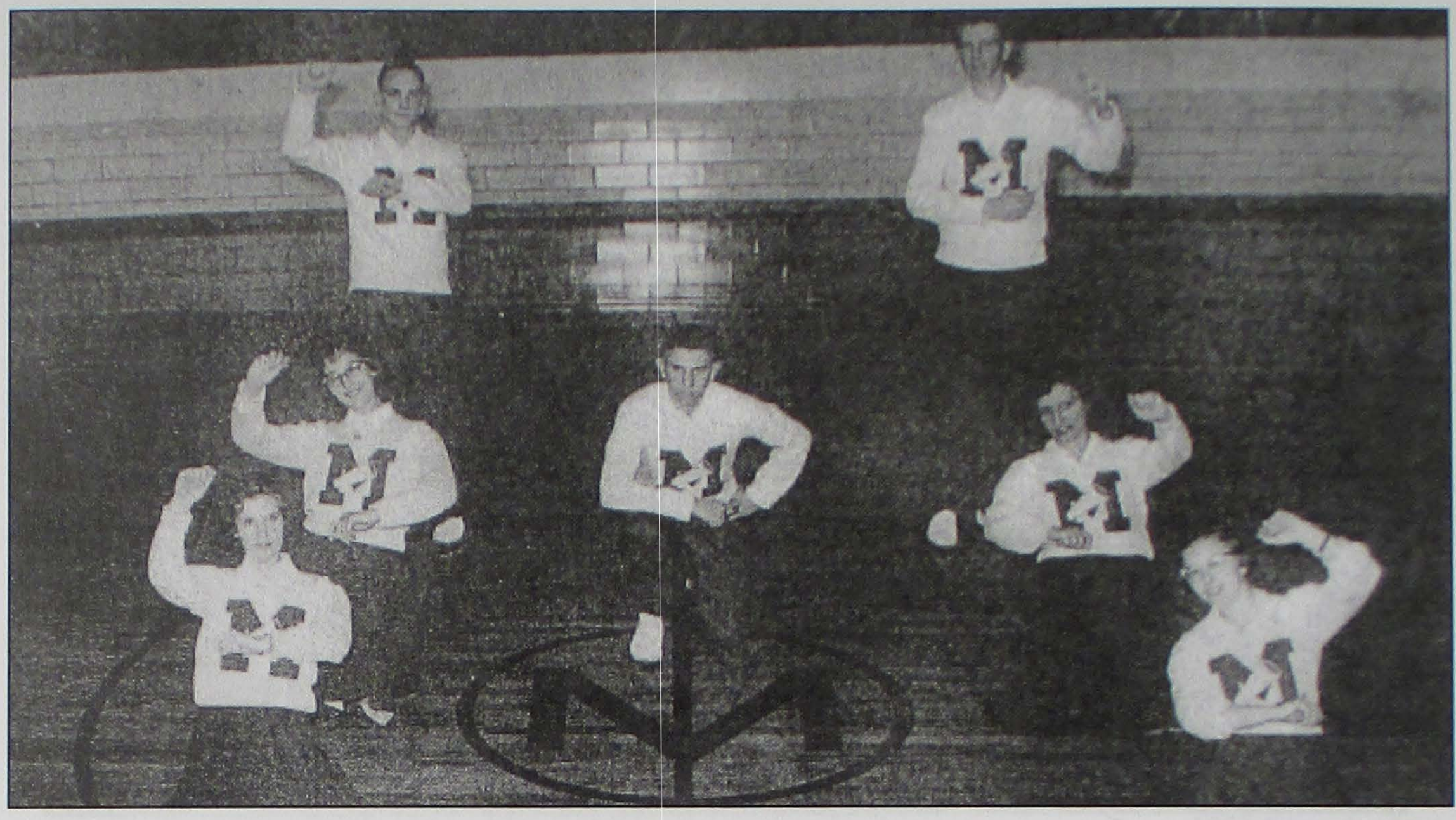


1956 Cheerleaders
Above: Barbara Sorem, Pete Hadley, Sandra Mortvedt, Norman Honderd, Janet Rasmusson, Alan Twedt, Irene Hodgson.

1957 Cheerleaders
Below: Sandra Mortvedt, Alan Twedt, Janet Rasmusson, Norman Honderd, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Peter Hadley, Barbara Sorem.

1958 Cheerleaders
Above: Dixie Thomas, Norene Hughes, Julie Cox, Geraldine Fitzgerald.

1959 Cheerleaders
Below: Dixie Thomas, Julie Cox, Bill Fuss, Connie Petersen, Geraldine Fitzgerald.

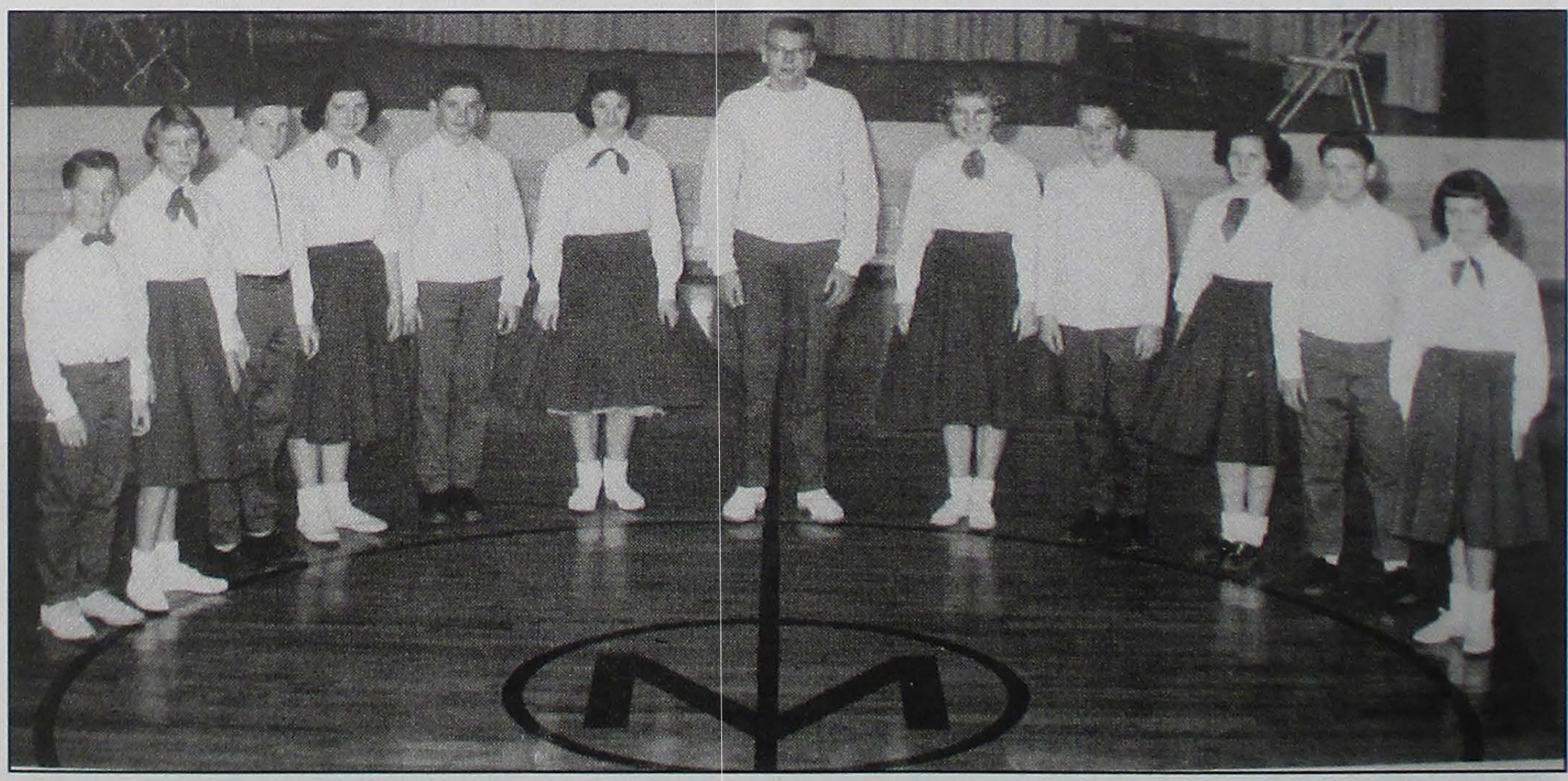


1960 Cheerleaders:

Above: Geraldine Pauley, Linda Brooks, Dale Petrus, Ron Pauley, Ron Rasmusson, Virginia Fuss, Dixie Thomas. Note the new cheerleader "letters". It appears that a new and different style was obtained about every two years.

1960 Jr. High Cheerleaders

Below: Bobby Thomsen, Sharon Nelson, Dennis Brooks, Sally Coy, Dale Sorem, Karen Thompson, Wayne Tjernagel, Marcia Rasmusson, Roger Larson, Delores Brooks, Wayne Wierson, Kathleen Haugland.



1961 Milford Township's Last Cheerleaders
Geri Pauley, Carolyn VanZee, Karen Petersen, Karen Thompson, Dixie Thomas

Cheerleading Longevity

It seems as though Margaret Matters '46, Alyce Matters '50, Alice Grindem '52, Ruth Warren '54, Alice Hansen '55, Dixie Thomas'61, were the only girls known to be 4 year cheerleaders for Milford. Fritz Morris, '54, and Clarion Thompson, '54, were the only fellows who were cheerleaders for four years. Norman Honderd, '57, was a three year cheerleader for the Milford Red and White. Fritz was a two sports letterman and was the top recreational student major at the University ofSouthern Mississippi.

The cheerleader activities and efforts during the forties and fifties were not the acrobatic, syncopated rhythms, tumbling, and pyramid building that evolved later. The picture of the 1957 group shows about the upper limit of activity.

A few Milford Cheers from the fifties:

Two, four, six, eight
Who do we appreciate?
(Quietly) Roland, Roland, Roland.
One, two, three, four,
three, two, one, four,
Who for, what for
Who you gonna yell for?
Milford!, Milford!!, Milford!!!

Chldrs: Say
crowd: What?
Chldrs: That's, what?
crowd: What's What?
Chldrs: That's what they all say!
Crowd: What do they all say?
Everyone: Beat Roland! Beat Roland!! Beat Roland!!!

Two bits, four bits, six bits, a dollar,
All for Milford, Stand up and hollar! Yea!!!!

Strawberry shortcake;
Raspberry Pie;
V. I. C. T. O. R. Y.
Are we in it?
Well, I guess!
Milford High School!
Yes! Yes!! Yes!!!
Edit: This cheer could be, and was, given even if our team was significantly behind.

For the Official, and Unofficial, Fight Songs of Milford see page 271 in Chapter 7.

1924

In the Nevada paper in Dec of 1924 the schedule for the Colo Basketball team was given and their first game that year was against Milford on the Colo court. No mention is made if it were a single varsity contest or if the JV played or perhaps there was a girl's game. No Colo-Milford game is listed on the Milford Court and no results of the game(s) were found.

1925 Fall- Milford Twp Basketball

This very interesting article appeared in 19 Nov 1925 Roland paper announcing the beginning of the 1925-26 Roland season with a game against Milford. It seems as though there was only a varsity game and not a J.V. game as became the practice in the northern portion of Story County. Also a J.V. game was played when a north Story County team played a south Story County team. At this time the northern portion of the county did not have competitive girls's competition but the southern half did.

Bear in mind that Milford did not have a senior class until the fall of 1926 and when the paper refers to the Milford team last year; they are referring to the team of 1924- '25. Furthermore, the article mentions the Milford team "only lost one of their men by graduation" What does this mean? If Milford did not have a senior class how did this graduation occur? Does it mean that the Milford lad might be going as a senior to some other high school but yet came to Milford to participate in athletics? Or- does it mean the '24-'25 team only had lads through the 11th grade and one of them graduated into 12th and left Milford?

Friday evening the basket ball season will open again for the Roland High School, when they will meet the fast Milford High team on the local basket ball floor.

It will be quite interesting to watch the Roland boys play against their old coach, Mr Mickelson. Mr Mickelson coached the Roland boys for two years and last year put out a team that won the county championship. The Milford team last year, was one of the top notchers in the county and they only lost one of their men by graduation. It is sure that they will come to Roland with a team fully as good, if not better, than last year's team.*

The Roland boys have been working hard after the corn husking vacation and are fast rounding into condition, under Coach Nelson. The championship team of last year, minus Sanford Shafland, will be the team that will, in all probability, start against Milford Friday night. (Here it lists the players for Roland)

The game Friday night will be called at 8:00 o'clock. The admission will be the same as last year- 20 cents for kids in school and 35 cents for adults.

Milford Twp lost this game, 23-8; although the Roland paper the following week states-Milford had fight in them until the last, but were no match to the fast Roland team, whose defense was very hard to break.

Only five players are listed for Milford Twp: Hansen, right forward; Gilbreath, left forward; Danielson, center; Allen, right guard; and Wilson, left guard. Four of the five-- George Allen, Ray Danielson, George Hansen, and Huber Wilson-- were part of the first graduating class from Milford Twp in 1927. The person listed as "Gilbreath" might be Marion Gilreath who graduated in 1929.

* Mr Mickelson remained the coach and Supt at Milford through the 1927-'28 school year.

1925-'26 Girls Basketball

Sorry about the imperfection on the image but this photo is probably the oldest of any photo obtained of an athletic team at Milford Twp. That is Principal Edith Meyers on the left.

It is the Milford Girls Basketball Club and Team probably taken in the fall of 1926 or spring of 1927. (However, this picture may be as late as spring of 1928.) The photo was obtained from the son of one of the ladies in the pix but he was unable to identify his Mom for certain so he chose not to select any; possibly his mother took the picture. His Mom left Milford in the spring of 1927 as a Sophomore.

Milford's First Collegiate Athlete

Below: Vivian Kimble (Kimball) '27, shown here at lower left, is the earliest Milford student to go on to play college basketball (and "Letter") when she attended American Institute. (Later AIB) They were undefeated at the time of the photo which is undated but most likely 1928 or 1929. **More Milford college players on page 204**

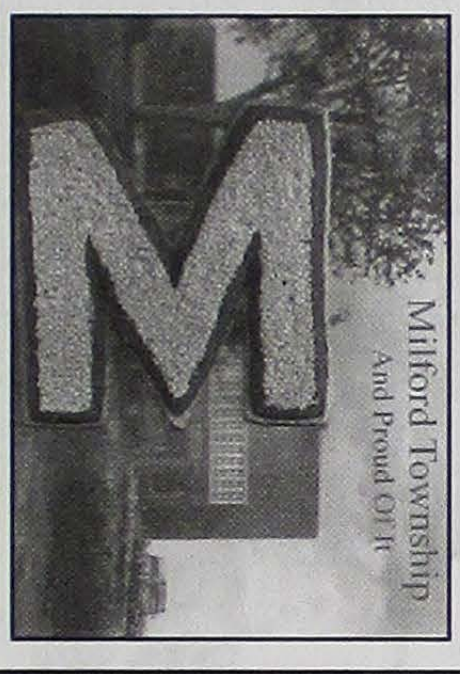
1926 Milford Twp
Story County Champions

Coach Mickelson took the Roland Basketball team to the winner's bracket in the 1925 Story County Boys' Basketball Tournament. Then he came to Milford Twp and the Milford Twp boys won the county tournament in 1926! -- one year before the first graduation of seniors from Milford Twp. Exactly thirty years later Milford again was county champion. We came close in a few other years; i.e.1941, 1943, and 1947; with a second place trophy each year.

During the 1926 Story County Tournament, which was the fifth annual tournament held for Story County, Milford played and defeated North Grant; 20-9 and won the finals against Fernald 22-15. There were fifteen teams competing in two classes and those in Milford's bracket were Kelly, Fernald, North Grant, and Shipley. Milford Twp had no seniors on this squad as the first graduation class was in 1927. The tournament was played at Huxley and the receipts were about $475.

The 1927 Milford Basketball Varsity

Left; Milford's first four year High School basketball team From left- very uncertain; unk, Huber Wilson, George Allen, unk, Wayne Slocum, John Hereim, unk, Ray Danielson, Coach Supt Michaelson



Left: Ray Danielson's athletic letter from 1927.It's unknown whether this letter was awarded by the County Association or Milford's athletic program.
This artifact answers many of the questions from page 101.
Photo and artifact from the Ray Danielson collection

The 1927-'28 Milford Basketball Team

Below: *From Dorothy Day's Memory Book*--**Front Row: Senior Marion Gilreath, Junior Kimble Peterson, Freshman John Allen. Middle Row: Senior Bernice Howland, the next two fellows- we have three names so not too sure-Wayne Slocum, Earl Prescott, and Millard McCoy and the last fellow on the far right with the uniform is Sophomore Eugene Thornton. Back Row: the man in the business suit is Supt Mickelson and the man with the Milford sweater is B. G. Halverson (who later became the Superintendent at Milford Twp). This is probably the same group of fellows from Milford that won the County Tournament in 1926 as that team had no seniors on it. Possibly John Allen was not on that 1926 team because he's listed as a freshman in this 1927-'28 team photo. The photo was taken during a quite chilly time of the year as the youngsters who were edited out of this edition of the photo were dressed in their winter coats.** *Another set of Identification from Ruby Christian Freeman-* **Front: Wayne Slocum, Marion Gilreath, John Allen. Middle: Virgil Burley, Eugene Thornton, Kimble Peterson. Back: Supt A J Michelson, B G Halverson, Bernice Howland (behind Allen).**

1929 Basketball

From the Nevada Paper of spring 1929:

"Last Thursday, a short time was taken in school..... for the coaches to award basketball letters to those in the basketball squad who were entitled to receive them. Brief talks were given by Supt Weyrauch and Coach Corter and then the presentation of the letters took place.

Those who received letters are Orlene Twedt, Kimble Peterson, Virgil Burley, Robert Harlow, Eugene Thornton, John Allen, Earl Prescott, Franklyn Crose, Edward McCaffrey.

In the basketball season of this year the boys won five games and lost five. Two Members of the team will graduate this year, namely Kimble Peterson and Virgil Burley."

First Meeting of the PTA in Fall of 1936

Some insight into the School times of the thirties is reported by an unknown recorder for the PTA:

"The Milford PTA met for its first 1936- 1937 meeting on 24 Sept 1936. There was the customary noise and clatter while some of us tried to say the Lord's Prayer in unison. There was so much of this noise in fact, that those who think earnestly about the matter of prayer earnestly felt that repeating the Lord's Prayer under such conditions is sacrilege. Have our children not yet learned the Lord's Prayer that they do not know it is proper to bow the head while addressing our Heavenly Father?

"There was a good program but there were few who could enjoy it to the full because of the noise and confusion."

Ol Milford Farmer wonder: If all the world's a stage, where does the audience set?

1929 Senior Girls

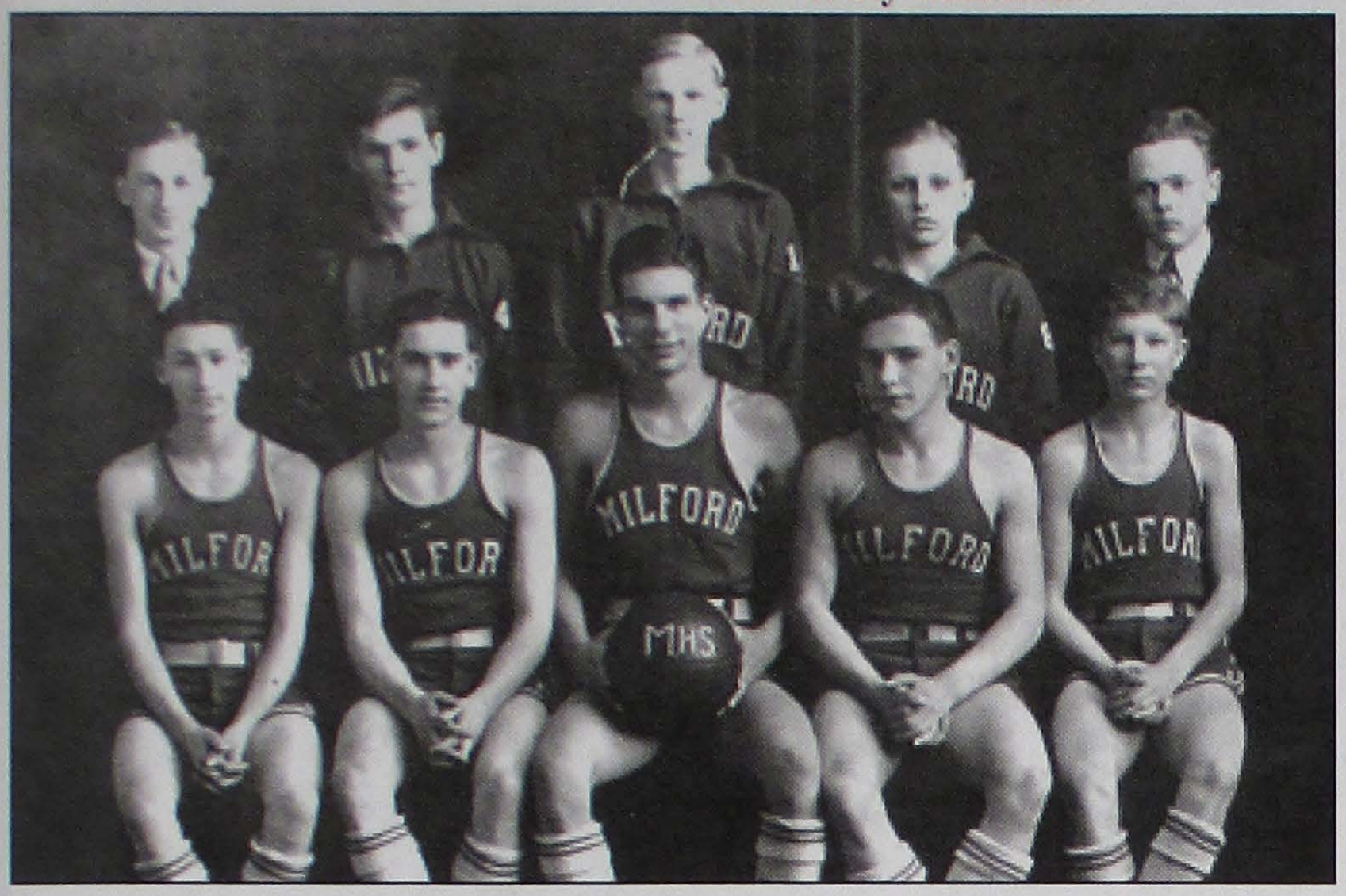
Tentative Identification:
Front: Ruth Durby, Virginia Donaldson, Viola Danielson. Back: Ethel Burley, Helen McCaffrey, Emarine Sloan.

Only two of these young ladies have been identified. The lady on the back left is Ethel Burley who married Floyd Davis and the lady on the front right, it is thought, is Viola Danielson. Note her fine looking "Letter Sweater" with its three chevrons. The assumption is that the three chevrons are for three years of competition in a sport. However, earlier than 1929, each activity is to be recognized by arm bands. (No record as to what an activity is -ie, a track meet, Basketball tournament, or a season of competition, etc??) The emblem in the "V" of the Milford "M" is probably a star which denoted Captain of the team. This photo and the beautiful letter sweater present a problem for the researcher in that no evidence can be found in the newspapers, of the time, that these ladies played competitive sports. The practice of awarding letters for athletic competition was begun by the county association for those who played in two-thirds of the games participated in by the team. For example, in 1927 nine girls from Milford received letters from the county association. By 1929 the individual school was giving the awards to the participants. The suggestion has been made that perhaps the sweater is her boy friend's and she's proud enough of it to wear it in this photo. It surely fits her well though.

1929-30 Basketball: Milford finished in 2nd place in the first year the Consolidated Six Conference was formed. They finished at 8-2.

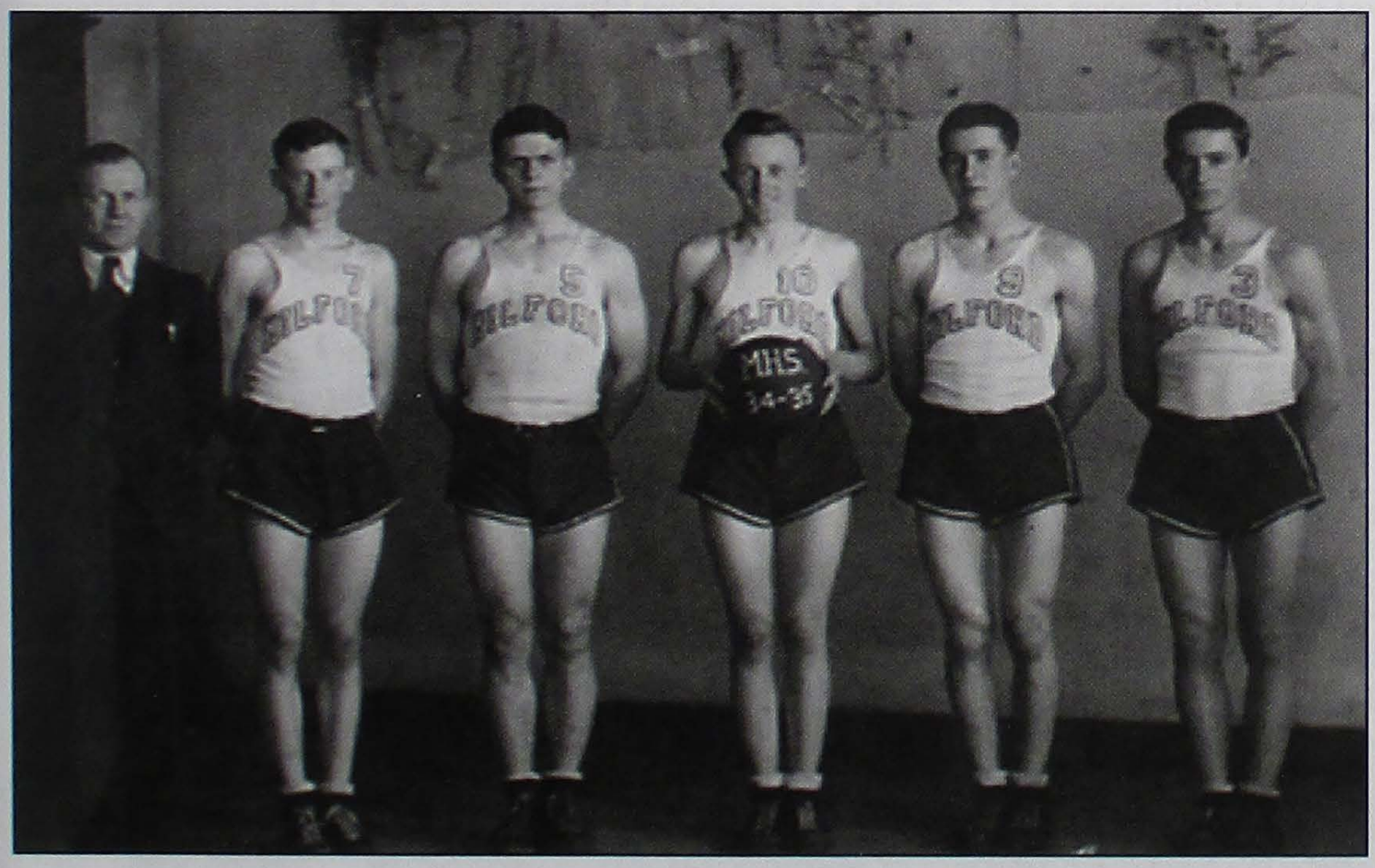
1931: Milford's basketball team was referred to as the "Bluejays". How many years this continued is unknown but they still had this nickname in 1936. There is a memory book that reads that Milford beat St Anthony by a score of 62-8 on 19 Dec 1930. No record of this game's results were in the paper but all the information in the memory book that could be checked is accurate including other games. Milford won but suspicion is that the score would more likely have been 12-8 as this was more in line with the score of other games.

1932 Varsity Basketball



Front Row: Max Arrasmith, Lowell Burley, Joe Alfred, Frank Crouse, Erwin Alfred. Back Row: Coach Arvid Lein, Jeffrey Jacobson, Floyd Twedt, Amil Twedt, Otis Cole. This group of fellows did quite well at tournament time: winning three and losing in the finals. They took second place in the 1932 Sectional tournament which, for them, was played in Boone. In the first round, played on the 7th of March, they beat Dana 19-11; in the second round they beat Gilbert 12-10 in two overtimes, and in the semifinal they beat Pilot Mound 22-14; however in the finals they fell to Boxholm by the score of 14-10. There were some other fellows who wore the Milford uniform during the basketball season also. In a game against North Grant, which it seems only went through the tenth grade, L. Hereim, George Allen, Marion Gilreath, Orlene Twedt, John Allen, George Allen, and Earl Prescott played as the team and won for Milford Township Consolidated School. In another game against Roland in Dec of 1931 (the first team lost 18-11 and the second team lost 13-4) the first team is listed as Joe Alfred, Jeff Jacobson, Floyd Twedt, Lowell Burley, and Frank Crouse. The second team listed Amil Twedt, Robert Alfred, Lester Brooks, Max Arrasmith, and Jeff Rasmusson.

1935 Milford Twp Varsity - The " Bluejays"



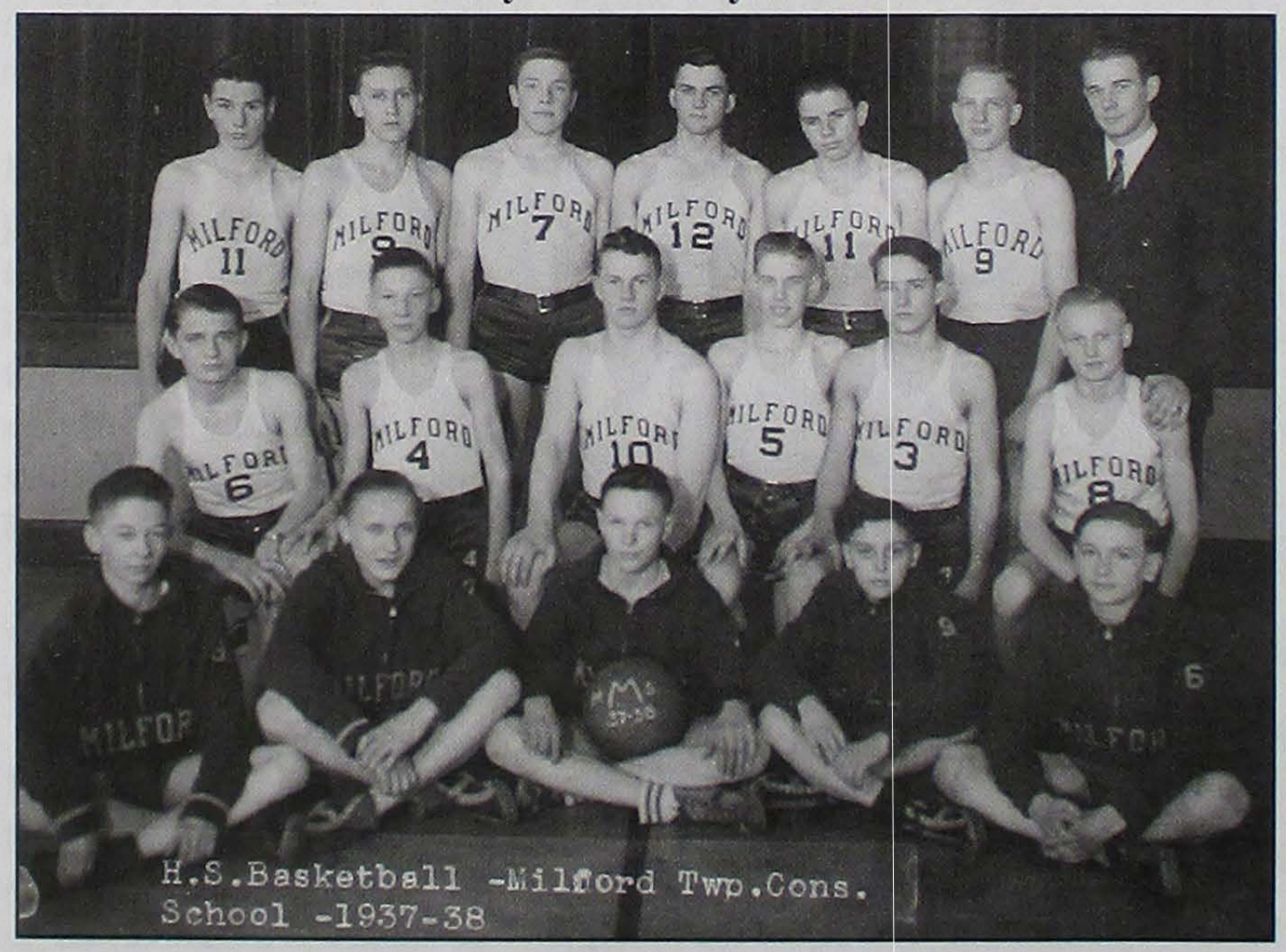
Coach Duea, Myron Larsen, Henry Peterson, LaVerne Jacobson, Elmer Watson, Ed Eller. Milford Twp, as most of the teams in the North Story area of this time, had no girls competitive sports. There was a Varsity and a JR Varsity game played on the schedules. This Milford Twp varsity team won 11, lost 6.

The 1936 team received new suits. They were blue and white, the school colors. They consisted of blue satin trunks and white jerseys. During this time period, the Milford sports teams were called the Bluejays. This name was used occasionally for the teams beginning in 1931 and perhaps lasted until the colors were changed in the early '40s.

First and Second Team-- Back Row: Dwight Fausch, Marvin Jacobson, Walter Dale, Fredrick Eller, Boyd Arrasmith. Middle Row: Coach Duea, LaVerne Jacobson, Edward Eller, Henry Peterson, Elmer Watson, Myron Larsen. Front Row: Clifford Thompson, Robert Lawson. This team had a combined record of 24 wins and 6 loses. These figures are for the Varsity and the Jr Varsity together. The varsity was 11 wins and 6 loses while the JV was undefeated. In this photo the JV team is the group wearing the dark jerseys. Henry Peterson went to Roland for his Senior year and contributed much to their basketball success for that year. The "foliage" on the wall behind the team is an exhibition of various weeds.

In 1936 Milford beat McCallsburg in a basketball game with a baseball type score, 5-3: Milford scored one basket and three free throws and Burg only scored 3 free throws.

1938 Varsity and JV Boys Basketball



Front: Dixon Harper, Arnold Nelson, Stan Egland, Harlan Harper, Kermit Molde. Middle: Jim McCord, Ben Durby, Weldon Kingsbury, Ed Larsen, Bill Sharpe, Charles Sorensen. Back: Don "Jack" Borts, Jim Matters, Don Wakefield, Walter Jacobson, Lenard Jones, Kermit Sorensen, Coach Harry Arthur. Bill Sharpe was the leading scorer with his left handed jump shot and once scored 27 in a game.

On Tue 30 Nov 1937 the season opener was played against Fernald. The varsity game, which was played before a packed house, was "filled with thrills in a closely guarded contest". Milford won 14-8.

1939 Girls Basketball Club

This unique photo, made from a quite small original, is the 1939 Milford Twp Girls' Basketball Club. Unfortunately, there was no identification with the photo and only one player is known-Grace Molde in the back row right. They apparently played no competitive games but did play a few other girls' basketball clubs from other schools.

1939 Milford "Flyers"

"This basketball season did not net Milford so many victories, but fine sportsmanship, courage, and determination displayed by the boys greatly outshone the other." This according to the text in the first Annual produced by the Milford Students. No reason is given for the name-Flyers- and when it was dropped. Earlier, 1936, the teams were the "Bluejays". 1940 Boys Basketball Varsity Dixon Harper supplied the following identification- Back Row: Stanley Egland, Kermit "Shorty" Sorensen, Ed Larsen, Donald "Red" Wakefield, Walter Jacobson, Ben Durby and Coach Harry Arthur.

Middle Row: Dixon Harper, Arnold "Arnie" Nelson, Jim McCord, Leonard Jones, Charlie Sorensen, Harlan Harper.

Front Row: Unidentified (probably LaVern Brooks), Forest Jones, Bill Brekke, Bill Christy.

Pictures enlarged from a quite small photo in Grace (Molde) Helland's 1939 annual.

1940 Boys Basketball Varsity

Back Row: Charley Sorensen, Leonard Jones, Ed Larsen, Don Wakefield, Stan Egland, Glen Sampson, Arnold Nelson, Coach Darrell Lindberg. Middle Row: Guy Wakefield, Julius Johnson, Harold Tjelmeland, Earl Johnson, Richard Comfort, Forest "Pete" Jones, ? Combs. Front Row: Bill Christy, Harlan Harper, Kermit Molde, Dixon Harper, Don Halverson, Glen Egland. No mention of a nickname for this team.

1941 Boys Basketball

Back Row: Arnold Nelson, Kermit Molde, Stan Egland, Earl Johnson, Glen Sampson, Julius Johnson, Coach Darrell Lindbergh. Middle Row: Don Halverson, Guy Wakefield, Harlan Harper, Fred Matters, Harold Tjelmeland Front: Merril Johnson, Glen Egland. This picture was taken in the spring of 1941 and probably not at Milford. In the early fifties there were a couple or so of the red striped jerseys available at the gym but no one wanted to wear them because they were so baggy and shapeless. Also, there were a couple of the older gray jerseys such as Glen Egland is wearing but they were so itchy that no one would wear them. Both styles disappeared from the school sometime during this era. Notice the farmer's tan on the arms of some of the fellows. It appears that everyone of the fellows had his sleeves rolled up past the elbow.

1942 Boys Basketball Varsity

Three spellling errors have surfaced with the identification. It's Sorensen, Merril and Julius Johnson.

1943 Boys Basketball Varsity

Back Row: Merril Johnson, Earl Johnson, Don Halverson, Glen Egland, Supt and Coach B.G. Halverson. Front Row: G. (Russell?) Clark, Glen Sampson, Fred Matters. This team won second in the Story County Tournament and second in the Sectional Tournament. Story page 311. Missing from the photo: Finch, L. Sampson, M. Sorenson

1945 Girls Basketball

Front Row: Isabelle "Izy" Brooks, Marguerite "Grate" Halverson, Coach B. G. "BG" Halverson, Barbara "Barb" Hansen, Margaret "Mick" Matters. Back Row: Marjorie "Margie" Allen, Patty "Pat" Allen, Lois "Lois" Sorensen, Kathryn "Kate" Olinger, Joan "Joan" Sorensen. They won the County Consolation. Marguerite says her nickname was "Grete" not "Grate".

This photo, apparently, is the only one in existence of the 1945 girls basketball team. This was, perhaps arguably, the best girls team Milford Twp ever put on the floor and ironically it was the second year of competitive play for Milford Twp's girl athletes. Milford Twp had participated in a tournament in the very early twenties; but, after that, for about two and a half decades, our girls seem to have only participated in girl's basketball clubs. The girls in the late twenties could earn athletic award letters by participating in events that were, at first, given by the county and later the individual school. Milford girl's athletic competition started anew in the spring of 1944 when they were invited to participate in the County Tournament. They had a "pickup" game with the Roland girls team as the opening game to a Boys Varsity and JV game played at Milford's gym. Our girls lost and the following week the girls played in the tournament and lost the opening round game to one of the stronger teams.

One of the more interesting aspects of this entire era of Milford's Twp athletic history is that the Supt B.G. Halverson, who was the boy's coach, was reputed to be very much against girls playing competitive basketball. However, when his daughter, Marguerite, started playing basketball in recess games against and with the boys, and doing very well, he softened ("he did a complete 180") and let them have the 1944 spring games. Then the next season, '44-'45, Milford developed a strong team, and finished in the county tournament as the consolation tie winner. When the score was tied at the end of the overtime period, the game was declared a tie and both teams given the privilege of saying they were the consolation winner of the county tournament. For some, now forgotten, reason the Milford girls team was the only team referred to in the newspaper with a nickname- "The Health Champions". No one seems to recall from where this nickname came but, by the next year, for better or worse, the name seems to have been forgotten.

Following the closing of the school year in the spring of 1945, Coach (and Supt) Halverson, along with his daughter, Marguerite, left Milford Twp, so the story goes, so his daughter could play at a more competitive level of the sport. Coon Rapids had done quite well in the State Tournaments of 1944 and 1945 so he moved to that community. Marguerite earned a spot on the starting team as a guard although she had played as a scoring forward at Milford Twp. She helped them win the State Tournament in 1946, but, unbelievably, she was the only starter of that six that did not receive state team honors. However, because she was so cute, there were more pictures of her in the newspaper than any other player of the tournament.

It makes a good story to have Halverson be so adamant against girl's basketball and then, when his daughter develops into a very good player, he does

a 180 in attitude. However, Marguerite, herself, says such was not the case. But at this time, over sixty years later, it is difficult to determine where the opposition to girls' basketball, at the administrative level, lay. Supt Halverson actually left the field of education to make this move. He started a hardware business which his son, Don, later took over. He then served as County Supt in both Carroll and Pottawattamie Counties.

The 1946 Iowa Girls State Champions from Coon Rapids

She Did It!

Left: (Milfordite) Marguerite Halverson, on the right, shares a smile with her Coon Rapids teammates following a win on their way to the 1946 Iowa Girls State Basketball Championship. They won this tournament in 1946 after having finished Second in 1945 and Third in 1944. She reports that following the publication of this photo, which was distributed worldwide, she received letters from GI's from many parts of the globe.

1945 Independent Baseball Team

Front: Loren Sampson, Dale Miller #16, Glen Egland '43, Wally Tjelmeland'45. Back: Aaron Braathun, Orville Cole, Stan Egland '41, Ben Durby'39, Ron Gardner. Most of these fellows had already graduated from high school. The fellows with a listed year of graduation are from Milford Twp while four are from our archrival Roland and Ron Gardner, the older brother of LeRoy Gardner'50, from Rhodes. Ron, who drove a gasoline delivery truck for years out in the Milford Township area, had graduated from Rhodes just before the family moved to Milford Township in 1945.

1947 Boys Basketball

Came in Second Place in Story County Tournament 1947

Adapted from a newspaper: 1947- Five Milford Township seniors played their last basketball game in high school competition when they lost to Slater by two points in the finals of the county tournament. Pictured with their coach, Supt Wm Swim, who has coached at Milford for two seasons, they are, from left to right, front row- Stanley Sorem, Richard Couser, Kenneth Watson, Richard Stevenson, Joe Harper (all seniors), Bill Allen, and Harlan Nassen: Back row- LeRoy Gardner, Richard Sorem, Danny Needham, Jack Morris, Glen Brown, Merrill Anderson and Coach Swim. The squad won 20 of 24 games this season and has lost but three of its home games during the last two seasons. Allen was the season's high scorer, Swim was head coach at Chariton before coming to Milford. The trophy in the photo is for the North Story Championship which is shared by Milford, Roland, and Zearing.

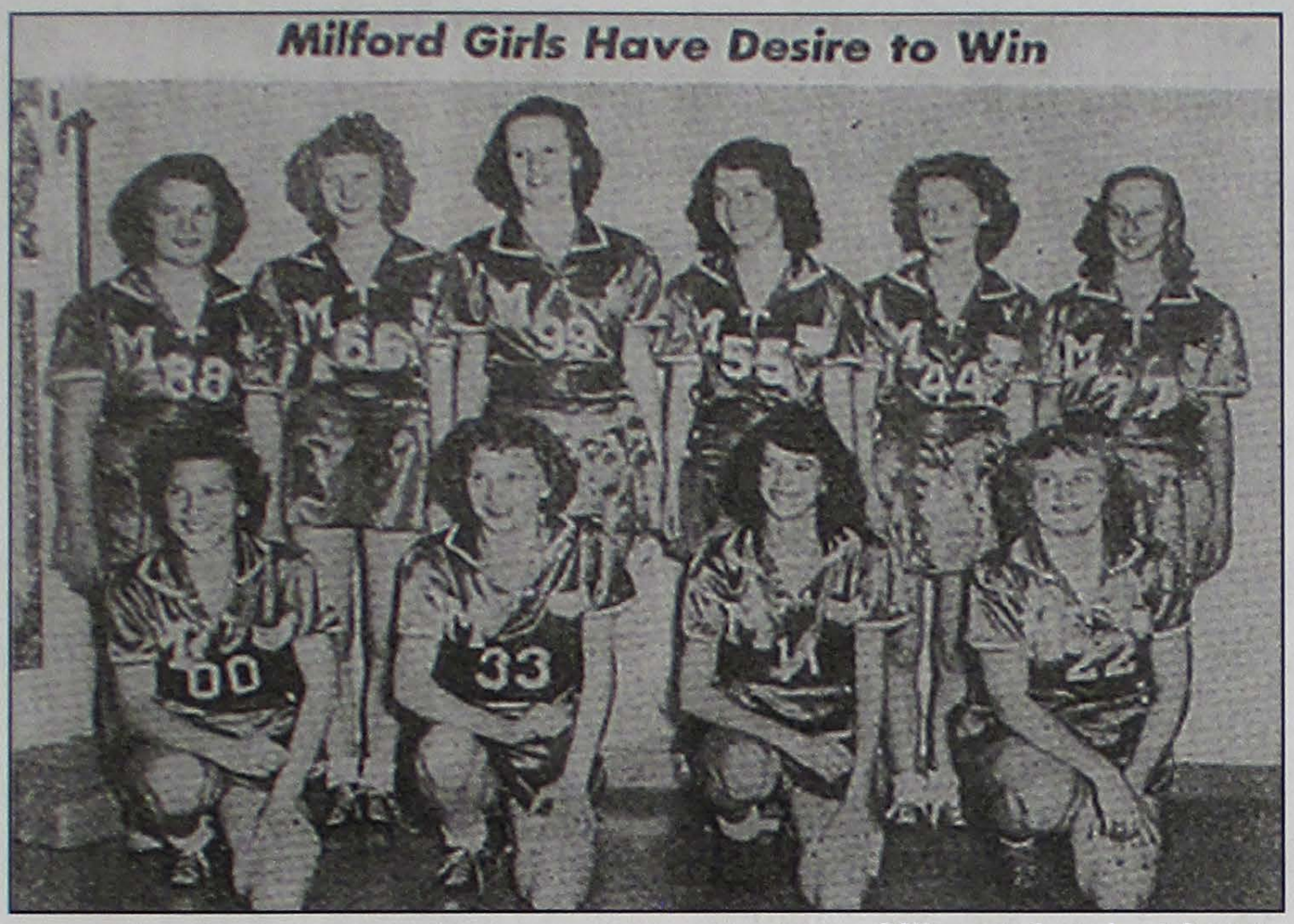
1947- Boys Jr High Team of 1942

This picture shows the seniors of 1947 when they were in the seventh grade in 1942.

L to R: Dick Couser, Dean Haukoos, Joe Harper, Roger Harper, Bob Watson, Richard Stevenson, Don Morfey, Loren Sampson, Coach J. Edward Lee. (maybe J. Edger Lee)

They, as a team, earned the money to buy the new, sharp uniforms with "Jr H S" written on them. However, no one could recall what type of a project was used as a fund raiser.

1947 Girls Basketball



Milepost photo by Adams

From the Nevada Newspaper: ***A team which is really trying to ascend the ladder to fame is this Milford High girls' team, which is off to a fair start this season. They are coached by Supt William Swim. Front: Alyce Matters, Lola Tjelmeland, Harriet Comfort, and Joan Sorensen. Back: Joan Cooper, Delores Tjelmeland, Dorothy Murrow, Gloria Warren, Phylis Gardner and Doris Moser.***

1948 Boys Basketball

Front: Dan Needham, Jack Morris, Glen Brown, John Wakefield, Merrill Anderson and Franklin Egland, Back: Jerry Jacobson, Chuck Hansen, Bob Williams, Dean Safly, Charles Horness, Richard Sorem, LeRoy Gardner. Frank Egland moved to Roland and was on the 1951 State Runner-up team. Note: No seniors on this team. Picture taken quite early in the season.

1948 Girls Basketball Team

Front: Jane Allen, Joan Sorensen, Joan Cooper, and Doris Moser. Back: Mary Rierson, Alyce Matters, Dolores Tjelmeland, Gloria Warren, Phyllis Gardner and Dorothy Murrow. Not pictured is Juanita Warren and Coach Supt. Wm. Swim. The Warrens and the Coopers on this team are first cousins.

1949 Baseball

Front Row: Jerry Jacobson, Dean Safly, Richard Sorem, Glen Brown. Middle Row: Art Sorem, LeRoy Gardner, Chuck Hansen, Merrill Anderson. Back Row: Coach Leo Cramer, Dan Needham, John Wakefield, Charles Horness, Jack Morris, and Manager Bob Williams.

1949 Boys Basketball

Front Row: Jerry Jacobson, Richard Sorem, Merrill Anderson, Glen Brown. Middle Row: LeRoy Gardner, Art Sorem, Dean Safly, Chuck Hansen. Back Row: Coach Leo Cramer, Dan Needham, John Wakefield, Charles Horness, Jack Morris, Manager Bob Williams. Dan Needham and Jack Morris were the leading scorers with an 8.5 and 8.6 averages. Their record was 10-10 and they tied for second place in the North Story County Conference. Jack Morris was selected as a First Team Forward on the all conference team.

1949 Girls Basketball

Front Row: Norma Jean Gardner, Anne Allen, Bonny Rierson, Alice Grindem, Florine Borton, Joan Cooper. Back Row: Manager Patsy Manley, Alyce Matters, Delores Tjelmeland, Rhoda Honderd, Juanita Warren, Lois Warren. Missing donna Rae Steward. Coach- Leo Cramer. Record 1-17: Delores Tjelmeland was the leading scorer with a 9.5 average and Juanita Warren was out standing as guard.

E Wayne Cooley, Nevada teacher/coach, and was an official at the time. He left Nevada to become the Executive Director of the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union 1954-2002.

1950 Baseball

Front: Bob Williams, Richard Sorem, Dan Needham, LeRoy Gardner, Eugene Mortvedt, Arthur Sorem, Dean Crowe. Back: Coach Stanley Paul, Larry Roberts, John Wakefield, Rodney Hansen, Jerry Jacobson, Roy Hartman, Robert Latham, Richard Roberts. Dan Needham had a 600 batting ave. for a 6 game season in which our boys had some lopsided losses, ie 24-2,16-4,12-5 and 9-3. Season 0-6. It can be imagined they had a lot of fun.

1950 Boys Basketball

Front: Bob Williams, John Wakefield, Dan Needham, Richard Sorem, Jerry Jacobson. Back: Roy Hartman, Richard Roberts, Larry Roberts, Rodney Hansen, Eugene Mortvedt, Arthur Sorem, Coach Stanley Paul.

Record: 6-12

1950 Girls Basketball

Front: Florine Borton, Juanita Warren, Alyce Matters, Joan Cooper, Anne Allen, Alice Grindem.Back: Donna Rae Steward, Norma Jean Gardner, Helen Horness, Marlene Jacobson, Lois Warren, Lois Larson, Coach Stanley Paul. Lost to Roland 46-6 and compiled a record of 1-17.

1951 Baseball

Front: Dick Thompson, Roy Hartman, Clarion Thompson, Dean Crowe, Robert Latham, Arthur Sorem. Back: Coach Stanley Paul, Richard Roberts, Rodney Hansen, Bob Williams, John Wakefield, Larry Roberts, Jerry Jacobson.

1951 Boys Basketball

Front: Coach Stanley Paul, Junior Kuhns, John Wakefield, Bob Williams-Captain, Jerry Jacobson, Larry Roberts, Roy Hartman. Back: Arthur Sorem, Robert Latham, Richard Roberts, Fritz Morris, Rodney Hansen, Clarion Thompson, Fred Neasham, Raymond Thomas, Dick Thompson.

1951 Girls Basketball

Front: Doradene, Brodie, Donna Rae Steward, Arlene Steward, Anne Allen, Florine Borton, Marlene Jacobson, Helen Horness, Alice Grindem, Ruth Warren, Margaret Thompson, Evelyn Larson, Alice Hansen. Back: Coach Stanley Paul, Manager Patsy Manley.

1952 Baseball

Front: Dick Thompson, Art Sorem, Roy Hartman, Rodney Hansen, Dick Roberts, Junior Kuhns. Back: Coach Gerald Petersen, David Allen, Dale Hughes, Dale Carsrud, Ray Thomas, Fred Neasham, Clarion Thompson, Fritz Morris.

1952 Boys Basketball

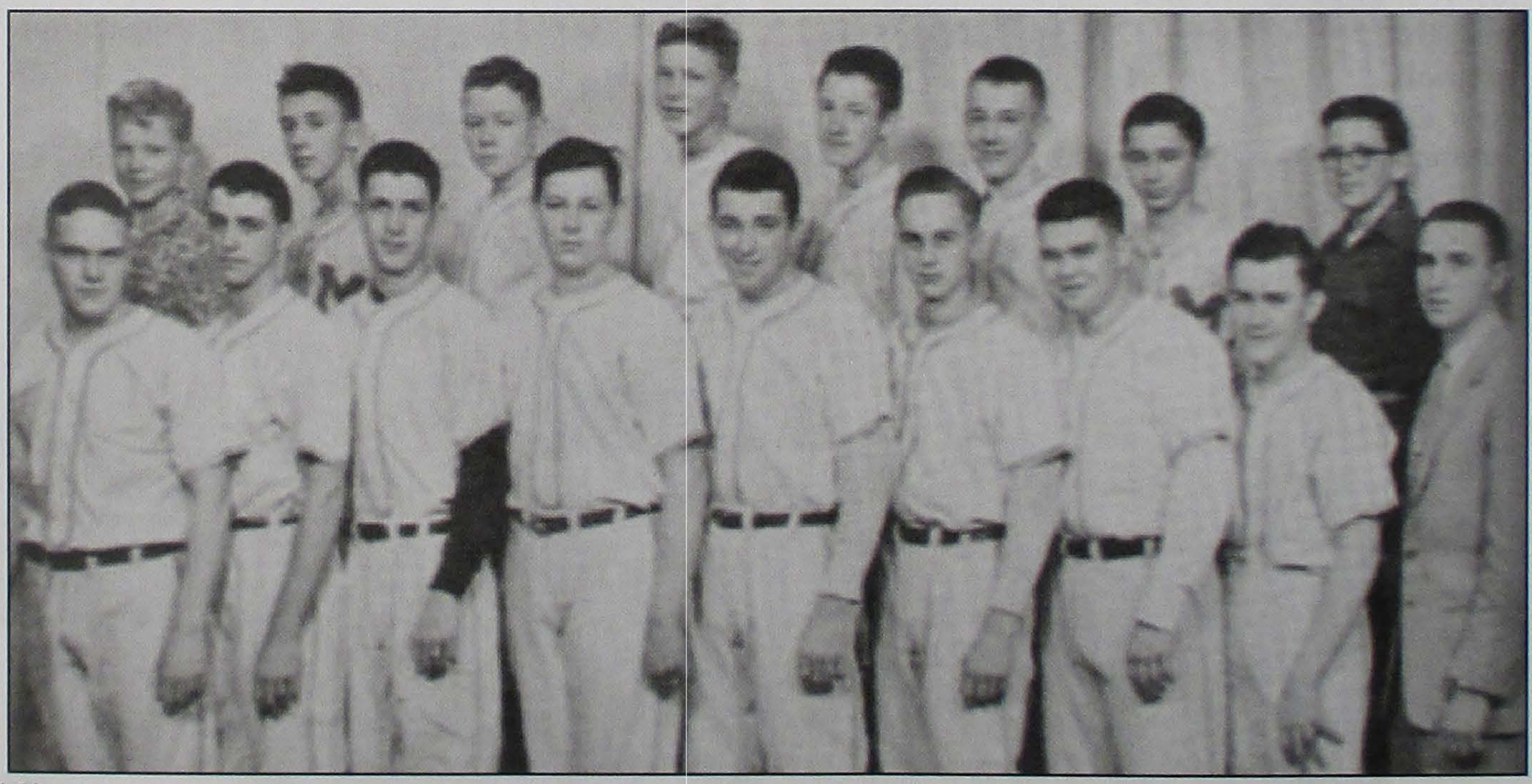
Front: Roy Hartman, Fritz Morris, Rodney Hansen, Dick Roberts-Captain, Junior Kuhns. Back: Coach Gerald Petersen, David Allen, Dale Hughes, Dale Carsrud, Art Sorem, Clarion Thompson, Ray Thomas, Fred Neasham, Dick Thompson.

1952 Girls Basketball

L to R: Donna Sorem, Donna Steward, Beverly Jacobson, Florine Borton, Ruth Warren, Helen Horness, Arlene Steward, Coach Gerald Petersen, Georgia Roberts, Marlene Jacobson, Alice Grindem, Anne Allen, Alice Hansen, Margaret Thompson, Doradene Brodie. Front: Chaperone Mrs Jessie Petersen and Manager Shirley Molde. No record but it is remembered this team won three games.

1953 Baseball

Front: Norman Hauswirth, Fritz Morris, Clarion Thompson, Raymond Thomas, Dick Roberts, Fred Neasham, Junior Kuhns, Dick Thompson, Coach Mr Beasmore. Back: Loyd Hughes, Ronald Otto, David Allen, Dale Hughes, Dale Carsrud, Marlin Jorgensen, Larry Miller, Edwin Needham.



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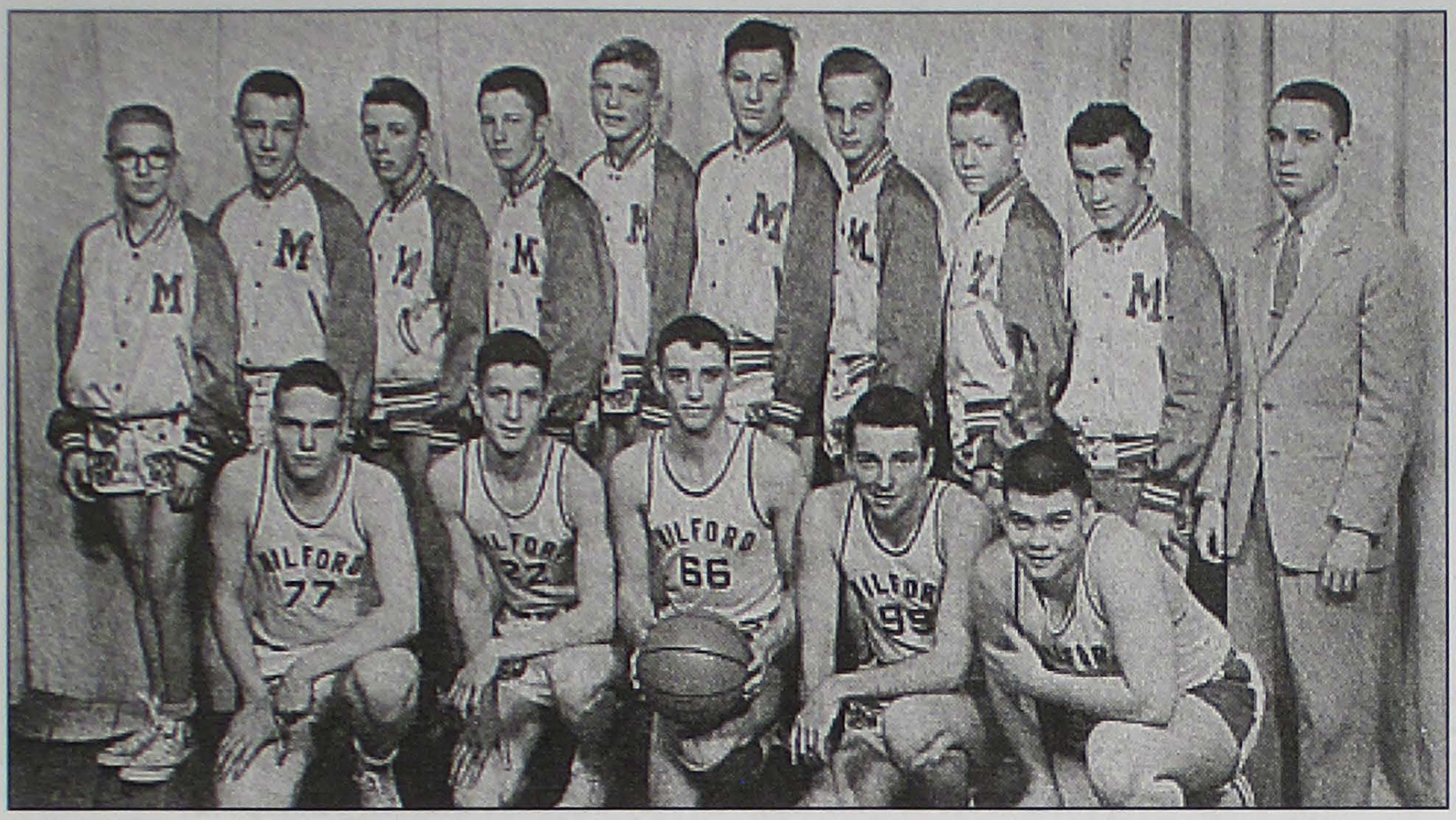


BACK ROW: Duane Brodie, Marlin Jorgensen, Ronald Otto, Dale Carsrud, Dale Hughes, Raymond Thomas, Fred Neasham, David Allen, Dick Thompson, Coach Barney Beasmore FRONT ROW: Norman Hauswirth, Clarion Thompson, Fritz Morris, Richard Roberts, Junior Kuhns.

1953 Boys & Girls Basketball Teams

BACK ROW: Mrs Jessie Petersen- Chaperone, Donna Sorem, Arlene Steward, Shirley Molde- Manager, Elizabeth Haugland, Jurine Borton, Hazel Horness, Mr Vernon Beasmore, Coach. FRONT ROW: Doradene Brodie, Margaret Thompson, Marlene Jacobson, Alice Hansen, Ruth Warren, Helen Horness.

1954 Baseball

Front: Dick Neasham, Bob Jacobson, Jack Allen, Ronald Otto, Larry Miller, Pete Hadley. Back: Marlin Jorgensen, Fritz Morris, Dale Hughes, Ray Thomas, Clarion Thompson, Fred Neasham, David Allen.

1954 Boys Basketball

Front: Alan Twedt, Jack Allen, Fritz Morris, Dale Hughes, Ray Thomas, Clarion Thompson, Fred Neasham, Ronnie Otto, Dick Neasham. Back: Ed Needham, Art Borton, Bob Jacobson, Loyd Hughes, Norman Honderd, Bill Thompson, Wilbert Hadley, Marlin Jorgensen, Vernon Olson, Larry Miller, Duane Brodie, Jimmie Thompson, Pete Hadley. In front Coach Ev Cochrane. Record 17-7, Second in North Story Conference. Four of these loses were to Roland. A story about this team on page 106.

1954 Girls Basketball

This girls team placed Third in Story County Tournament and Second in the Sectionals and ended the season at 13-13. See pictures also on 266 and 280.

Front: Mrs Jessie Petersen, Donna Sorem, Alice Hansen, Elizabeth Haugland, Ruth Warren, Margaret Thompson, Doradene Brodie, Manager Shirley Molde, Coach Ev Cochrane. Middle: Hazel Horness, Dorothy Sodders, Jurine Borton, Shirley Meyer, Georgia Roberts, Arlene Steward. Back: Janet Anderson, Irene Hodgson, Sandra Mortvedt, Judith Jorgensen, Barbara Sorem. Record 13-13.

1955 Baseball

Front: Duane Brodie, Larry Miller, Jack Allen, Ronald Otto, Peter Hadley, Loyd Hughes, Dale Hughes, Bob Jacobson, Jimmie Thompson. Back: Earl Otto, David Allen, Coach Ev Cochrane, Art Borton, Eddie Allen, Wilbert Hadley.

1955 Boys Basketball

Front: Larry Miller, Ron Otto, Dale Hughes-Capt, David Allen, Alan Twedt, Vernon Olson. Back: Coach Ev Cochrane, Pete Hadley, Jack Allen, Norman Honderd, Bill Thompson, Bob Jacobson, Art Borton, Duane Brodie. Finished 17-4 with all losses to Roland: three of the losses by just 6 points. They played numerous pick-up games against Story City, Nevada, one of the big schools in Des Moines, and other schools and won them all. This was one of the first of a series of fast-breaking, high scoring teams that wore the Milford Twp Red and White in the mid and late fifties. They claim to have scored over a hundred points in three or four games although the official records only show one- Beating Maxwell 107-46. Perhaps the others were in some of the pickup games, one of which they scored 137 points. This may have a five quarter game to permit more people to play and build endurance. They finished second in the North Story Conference and second in either the County Tournament or the Sectional Tournament.

1955 Girls Basketball

Front: Coach Ev Cochrane, Shirley Meyer, Jurine Borton, Elizabeth Haugland, Alice Hansen, Hazel Horness, Janet Rasmusson, Shirley Molde. Back: Shirley Groomes, Judy Jorgensen, Barbara Sorem, Patsy Haugland, Marcia Jacobson, Sandra Mortvedt, Irene Hodgson, Georgia Roberts, Donna Sorem. This team had the best record of any Milford Girls team at 16-6. Not pictured is Chaperon Mrs Jessie Petersen.

1956 Baseball

Front: Alan Twedt, Duane Brodie, Larry Miller, Pete Hadley, Bill Jacobson, Jack Allen. Back: Statistician Vernon Olson, Wilbert Hadley, Loyd Hughes, Bob Jacobson, Ronnie Otto, Art Borton, Jimmie Thompson, Coach Ev Cochrane.

1956 Boys Basketball--Story County Champs

Milford Twp had a string of four or five very good boys' basketball teams in the mid to late 1950's. This was one of them. They won the Story County Championship that year. Front: Bill Jacobson, Charles Larson, Eddie Allen, Bill Thompson, Roger Thompson, and Ronnie Strother. Back: Statistician Vernon Olson, Alan Twedt, Peter Hadley, Arthur Borton, Ronnie Otto, Bob Jacobson, Norman Honderd, Jack Allen, Larry Miller, Duane Brodie, and Coach Ev Cochrane. Record 21-3. This team scored over 100 points twice, 109-69 over Zearing and 111-48 over Maxwell. Only losses were to Shipley and Roland, however, Milford retaliated by beating both.

1956-'57 Boys -- Jr High Team of 1952

Left to Right- Front: Dick Neasham, Alan Twedt, Bob Jacobson, Peter Hadley, Norman Honderd: Middle Row: Mrs Jessie Petersen, (Junior High Teacher and chaperon) Robert Baldus, Ron Otto, Larry Miller, Art Borton, Earl Jones: Back Row- Unidentified, Loyd Hughes, Duane Brodie, Wilbert Hadley, Bill Thompson, Jerry Baldus, and Coach Gerald Petersen. This team was undefeated in play! The Petersens were not related.

1956 Girls Basketball

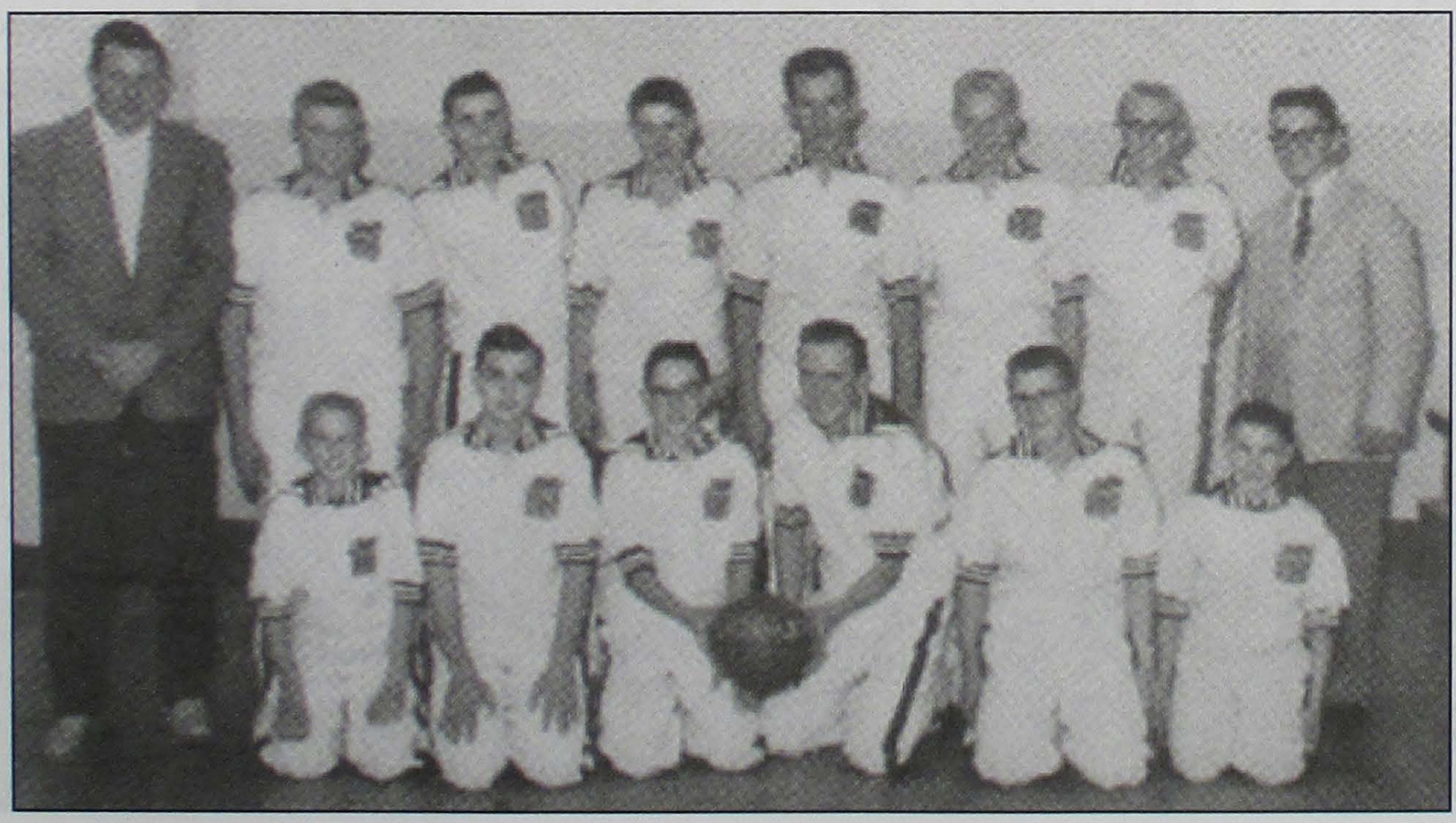
Front: Marcia Jacobson, Sandra Mortvedt, Sharyl Buchanan, Sandra Nelson, Doris Pauley, Shirley Groomes, Barbara Sorem, Rita Thomas. Back: Coach Ev Cochrane, Chaperone Mrs Jessie Petersen, Janet Rasmusson, Norene Hughes, Janet Hansen, Patsy Haugland, Janet Sorensen, Jurine Borton, Hazel Horness, Manager Judith Jorgensen. Record 9-10.

1957 Baseball

Front: Ron Pauley, Ronald Strother, Bill Jacobson, Ed Allen, Roger Thompson, Alan Twedt. Back: Coach Lou Schrader, Bill Thompson, Art Borton, Peter Hadley, Bob Jacobson, Norman Honderd, Jimmie Thompson, David Bhend-manager, statistician.

1957 Boys Basketball, Story County Champs

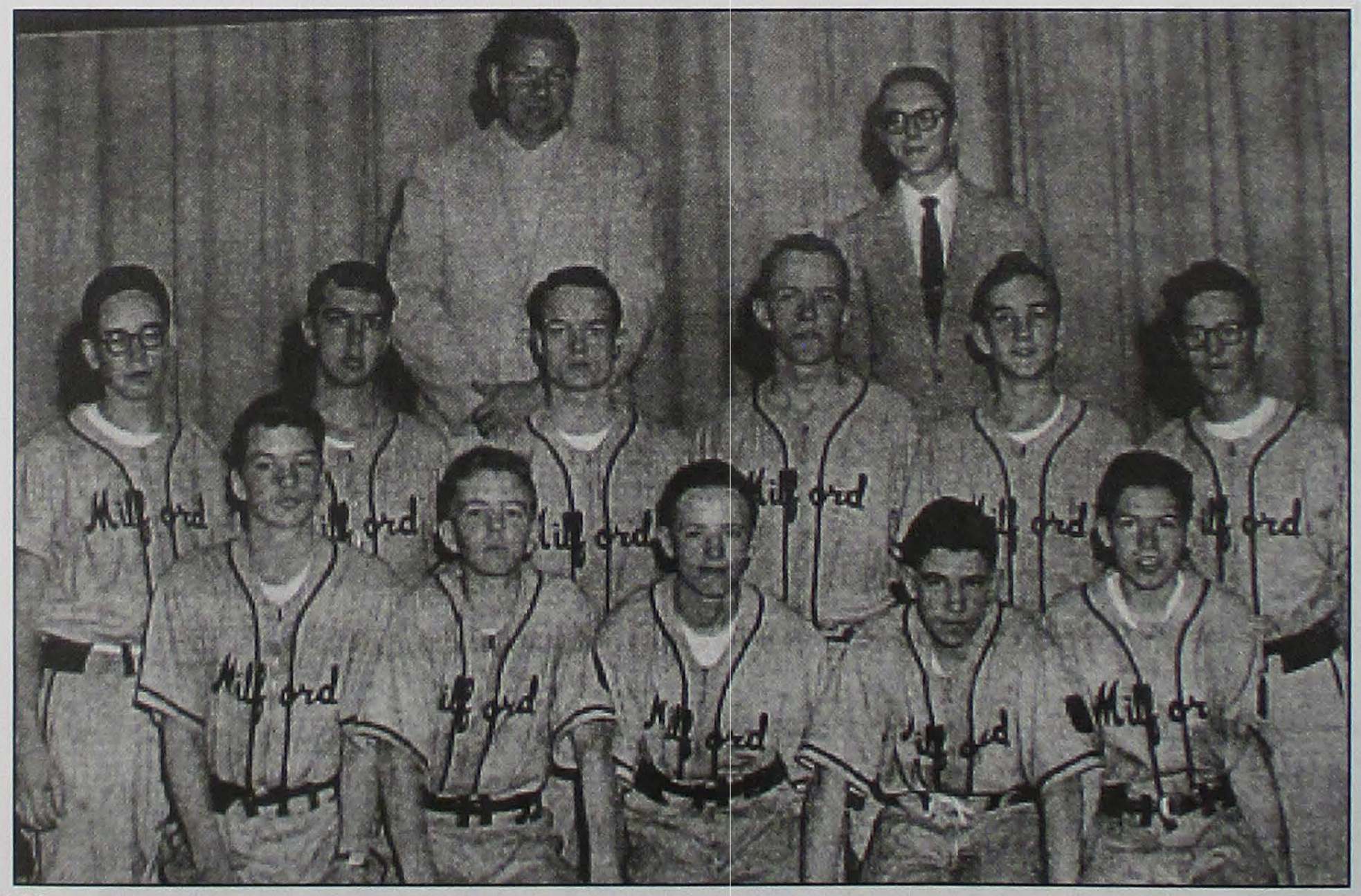
Front: Ronald Rasmusson, Charles Larson, Ronald Strother, Bill Jacobson, Roger Thompson, Ronald Pauley. Back: Coach Lou Schrader, Art Borton, Bill Thompson, Peter Hadley, Bob Jacobson, Norman Honderd, Alan Twedt, Statistician David Bhend. Record 19-3.



1957 Girls Basketball

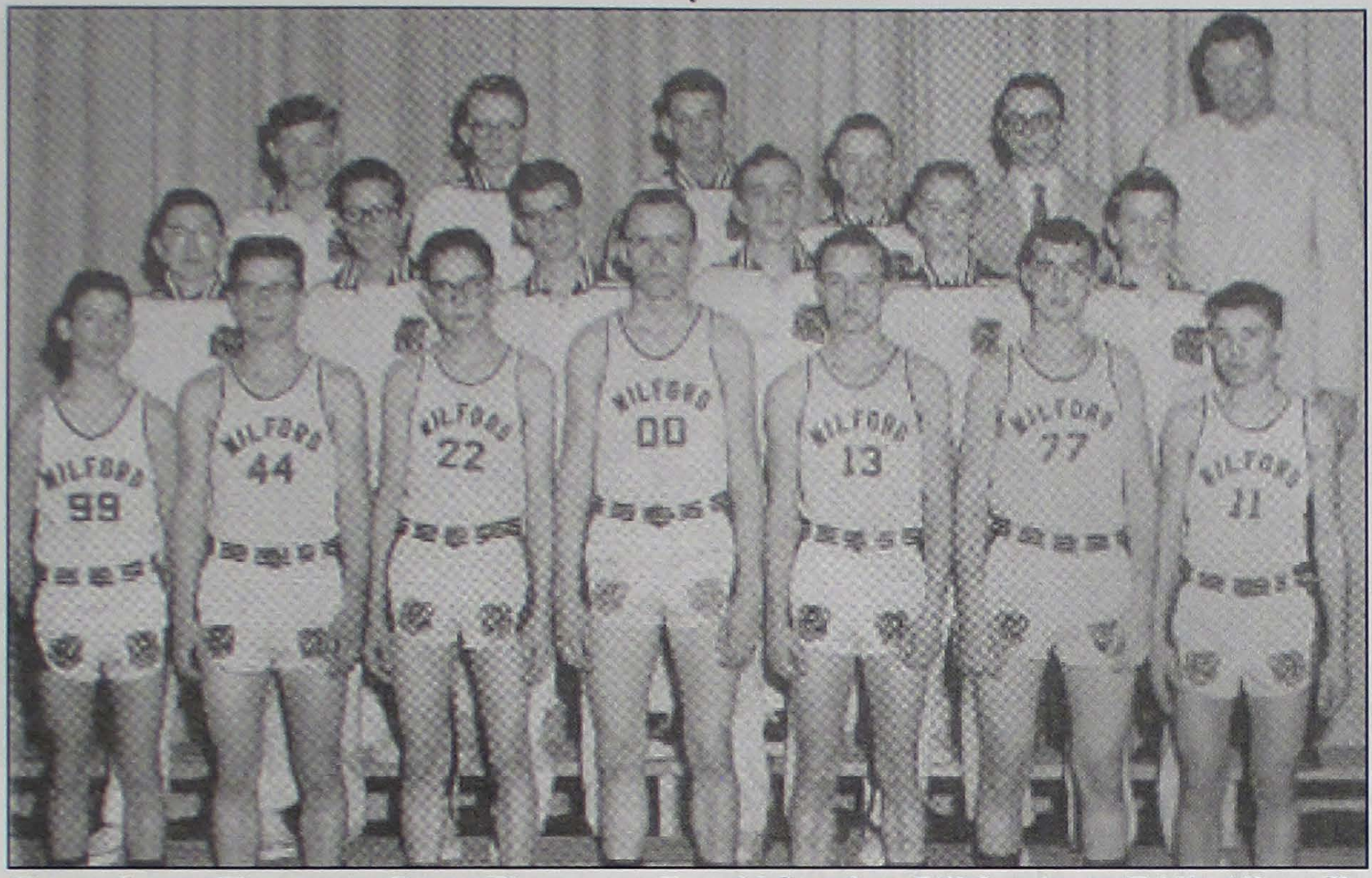
Front: Janet Rasmusson, Sharyl Buchanan, Pat Haugland, Sandra Mortvedt, Shirley Groomes, Doris Pauley. Back: Manager Julie Cox, Gwen Jacobson, Rita Thomas, Janet Hansen, Norene Hughes, Janet Sorensen, Betty Otto, Coach Lou Schrader. Missing: Mrs Jessie Petersen, chaperone. Record 1- 15.

1958 Baseball



Front: Dick Coy, Ron Rasmusson, Ron Sorem, Ron Pauley, Larry Thompson, Middle: Ron Strother, Charles Larson, Eddie Allen, Bill Jacobson, Dale Petrus, Ronald Coy. Back: Coach Lou Schrader, and Statistician David Bhend.

1958 Boys Basketball



Front: Larry Thompson, Roger Thompson, Ronald Strother, Bill Jacobson, Eddie Allen, Charles Larson, Ronald Pauley. Middle: John Grindem, Ronald Coy, Douglas Brooks, Dale Petrus, Ronald Rasmusson, Dick Coy. Back: Clayton Rullestad, Steven Jacobson, Bill Fuss, Ronald Sorem, Statistician David Bhend, Coach Lou Schrader. Missing from photo- Earl Otto. Lost a controlled game to Rolalnd 20-27. Third in the County Tournament. Record 9-11

1958 Girls Basketball

Front: Dixie Thomas, Shirley Groomes, Doris Pauley, Pat Haugland, Bernita Jacobson, Gwen Jacobson, Janet Rasmusson, Betty Otto, Janet Sorensen, Virginia Fuss, Sharyl Buchanan. Back: Manager Marcia Jacobson, Chaperon Mrs Schepers, Coach Lou Schrader, Chaperon Mrs Martin. Record 4-13.

1959 Baseball

Front: Bruce Strother, Dick Cox, Ron Pauley, Larry Thompson, Ron Sorem, Dale Petrus.
Middle: Ron Strother, Doug Brooks, Arlen Twedt, Bill Jacobson, Ron Rasmusson, Gary Brooks.
Back: Coach Don Ramus, Manager David Bhend.

1959 Boys Basketball

Front: Gene Roberts, Arlen Twedt, Doug Brooks, John Grindem, Steven Waugh, Bruce Strother, Ron Sorem, Edward Anderson. Back: David Bhend, Ron Pauley, Dale Petrus, Ron Rasmusson, Steve Jacobson, Bill Jacobson, Ron Strother, Gary Brooks, Larry Thompson, Dick Coy, Coach Don Ramus. Third in the County Tournament. Record 14-8.

1959 Girls Basketball

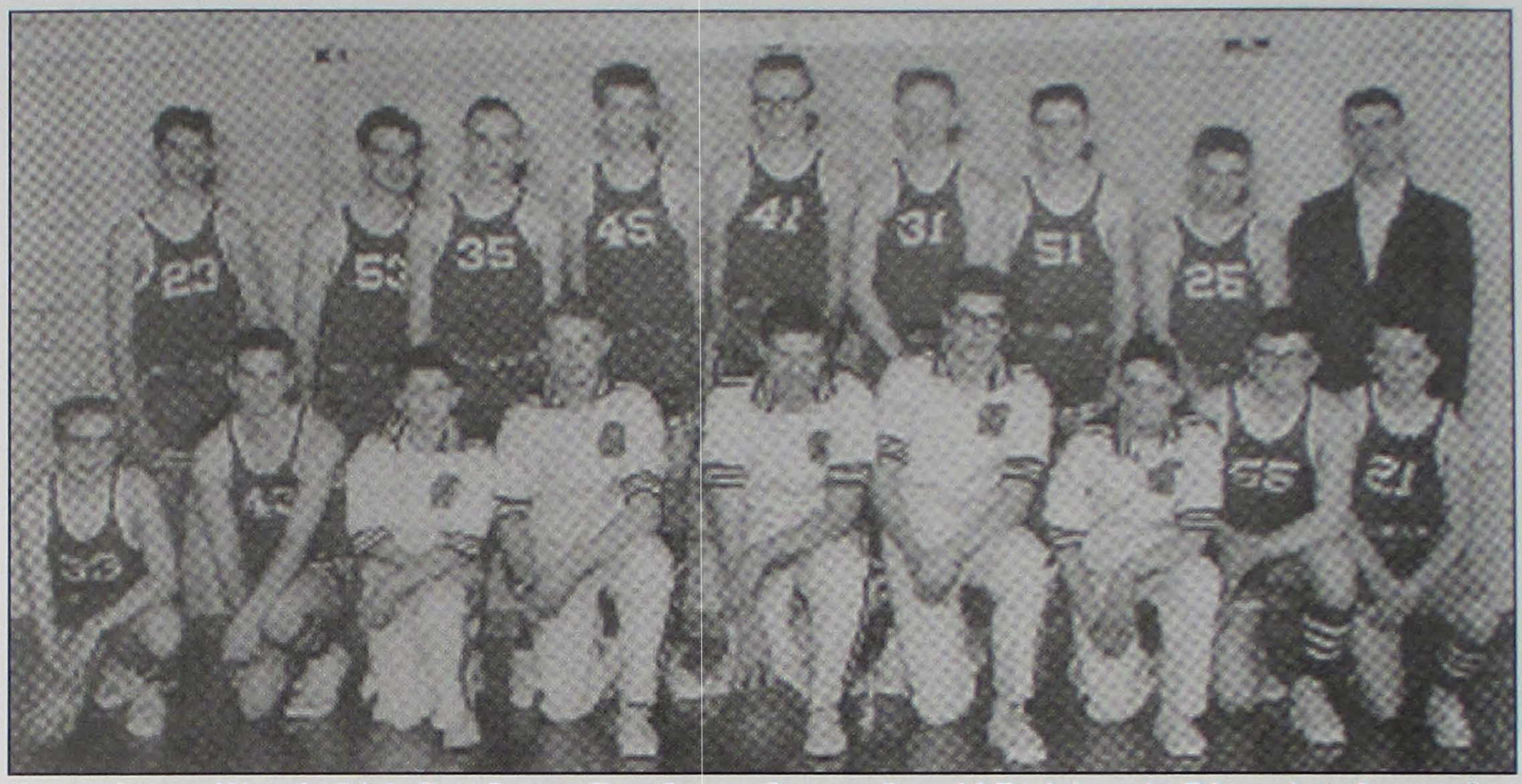
Seated: Geraldine Pauley, Sharyl Buchanan, Gwen Jacobson, Maxine Horness, Betty Otto, Dixie Thomas, Bernita Jacobson, Virginia Fuss, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Julie Cox, Sandra Sorem, Connie Brooks. Center: Coach Don Ramus, Chaperone Mrs Don Ramus. Record 2-19. Beat Collins twice and Milford's last coach, Jim Dodds, was from Collins.

1960 Baseball

Front: Dennis Fry, James Cooper, Ron Sorem, Bruce Strother, Steven Waugh, Stephen Brooks.

Back: Ron Pauley, Doug Brooks, Bill Fuss, Edward Anderson, Gary Brooks, Dale Petrus, Coach

1960 Boys Basketball



Front: Steven Waugh, Dick Coy, Denny Fry, James Cooper, Donald Radabaugh, Edward Anderson, Stephen Brooks, Gene Roberts, Bruce Strother. Back: Larry Thompson, Doug Brooks, Dale Petrus, Ron Rasmusson, Steven Jacobson, Arlen Twedt, Gary Brooks, Ron Pauley, Mr Don Ramus, Coach. Record 2-14.

1960 Girls Basketball

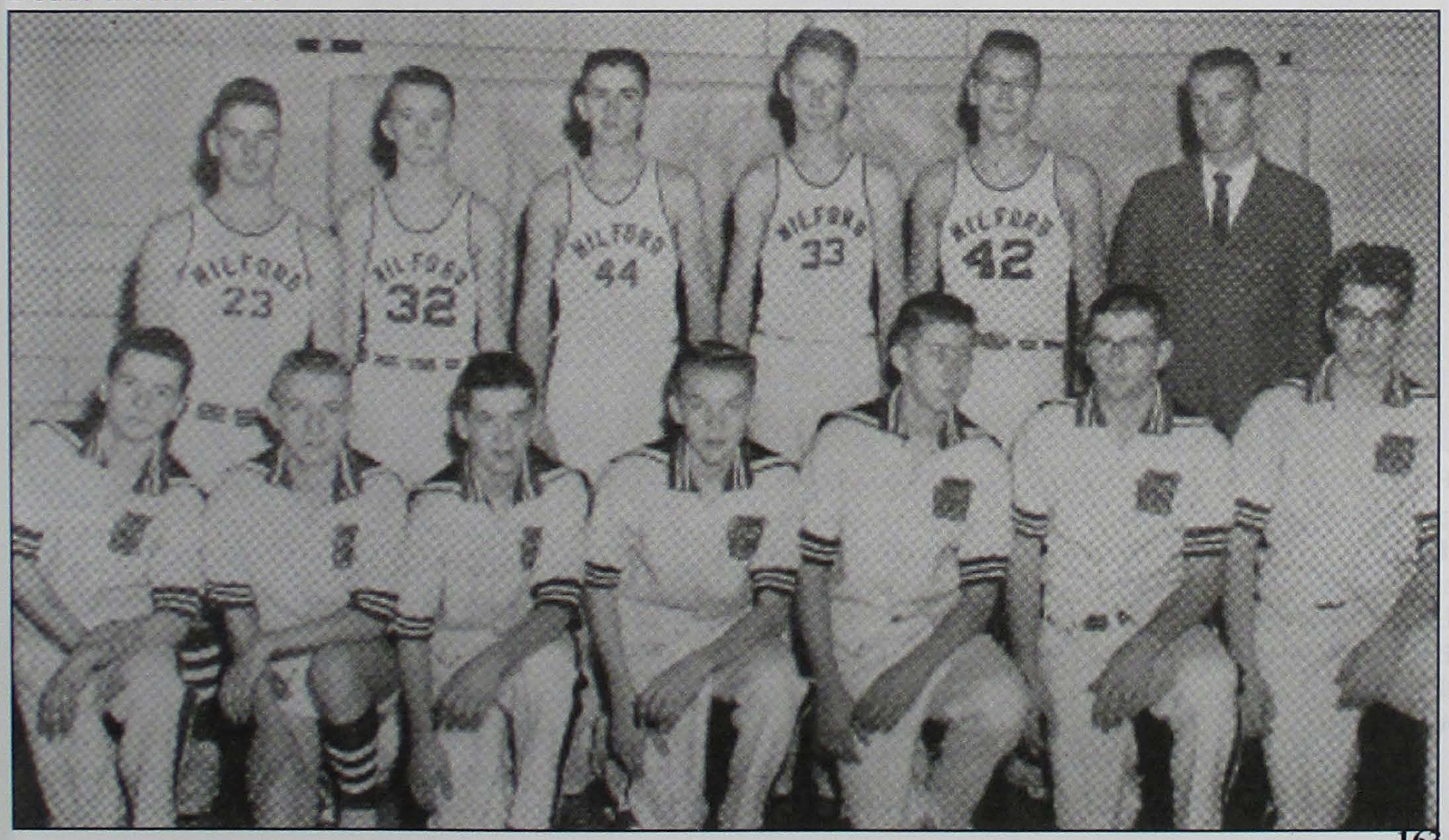
Front: Judy Thomsen, Sandy Sorem, Geraldine Pauley, Virginia Fuss, Connie Brooks, Gwen Jacobson, Linda Brooks, Maxine Horness, Linda Carsrud, Dixie Thomas. Back: Coach Don Ramus, and chaperone Mrs Ramus. Record 1-19.

1961 Milford Twp's Last Baseball Team

Front: Ron Sorem, Gary Brooks, Wayne Tjernagel, Dennis Fry, Bruce Strother, Steven Waugh. Back: Stephen Brooks, Loren Book, Dick Coy, Mark Danielson, Wayne Wierson, Steve Risdal, Dale Sorem, and Archie Bishop with Coach Jim Dodd.

1961 Milford Twp's Last Boys Basketball Team

Front: Steve Risdal, Mark Danielson, Dale Sorem, Steven Waugh, Fred Eller, Gene Roberts, and Edward Anderson. Back: Dick Coy, Bruce Strother, Gary Brooks, Arlen Twedt, Wayne Tjernagel, and Coach Jim Dodd. Record 6-14.

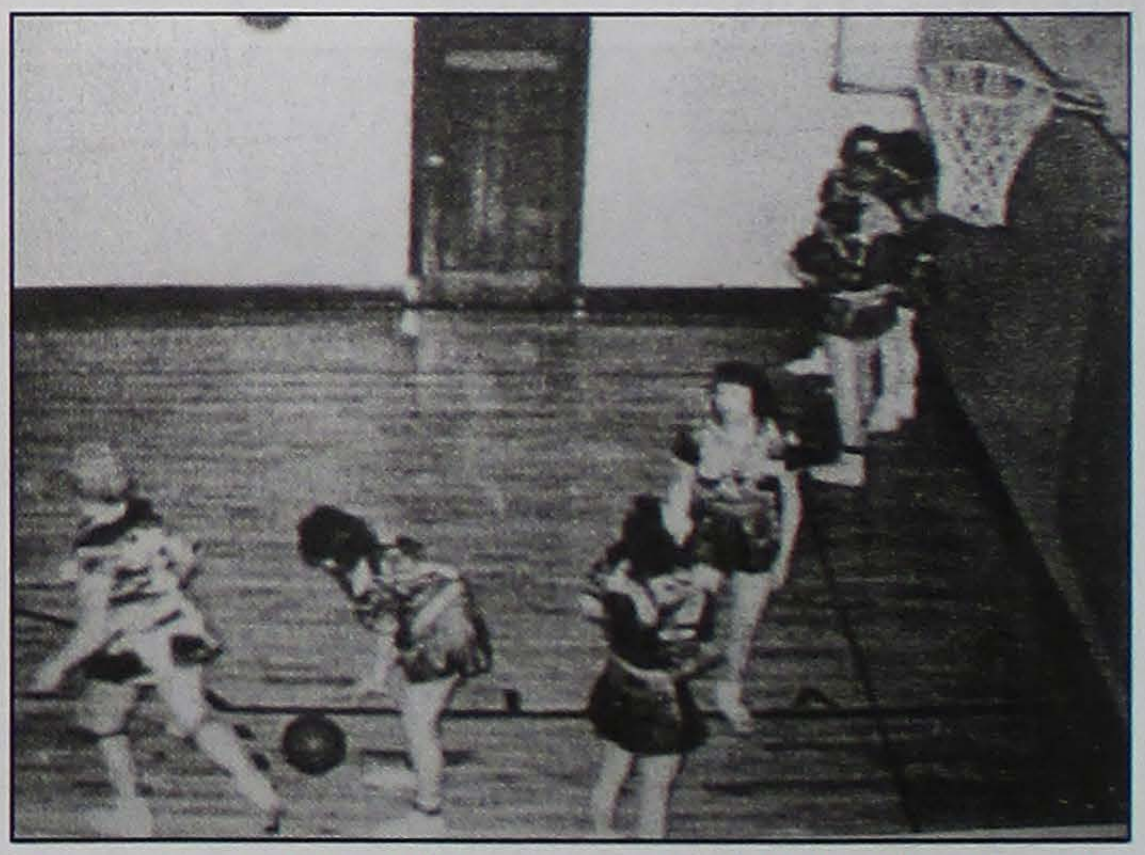


1961 Milford Twp's Last Girls Basketball Team

Front: Sharon Nelson, Marcia Rasmusson, Linda Hughes, Judy Thomsen, Cynthia Haugland, Karen Sorensen, and Statistician Rita Reinhart. Back: Manager Connie Brooks, Coach Jim Dodd, Dixie Thomas, Maxine Horness, Margaret Haugland, Karen Thompson, Geri Pauley, Sandy Sorem, and Chaperone Marlys Dodd. Record 2-17.

Some 1950 Girl's Basketball

For a 1950 Student Vs. the Faculty Ladies fun basketball game, Mrs Larson, Prin, gets ready to put up a hookshot despite Alice Grindem's determined defense. Others players are Donna Ray Steward, Mrs Jessie Petersen, and Lois Larson. Also page 100.
Picture is in the east end of the 1924 gym with the stage on the upper left and the door to the boys shower just behind Alice.



The east end of the 1924 gym shot in 1950 looking from the balcony to the north. The girls are getting ready for the game to start with the forwards taking a few shots and the guards in the upper right corner discussing the strategy, we hope. Note the narrow 6 foot wide lane and the line on the floor that was 3 feet in from the wall. This line could not be crossed by the defensive person during a "inbounding" play. The goal is 3 ft. from the wall. Florine Borton "Dead Eye", left, is the only player identifiable.

STORY COUNTY BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS!!
Milford Twp Does it, not once, but twice. 1956 and 1957

1956 Above--1957 Lower

1956

An adoring fan comes close to a strangulation hold on one of Milford's leading players. Ron Otto and Jurine Borton. They started school together at Richland # 9, just north of Nevada and both came to Milford to become classmates again and graduated together in the class of 1956. Both were very good basketball players.

1957

Milford Twp Consolidated School(s) Personnel

School Board

SCHOOL BOARD: Listed are known board members and years they served on the Milford Twp Consolidated School Board. The Supt was also on the board. Iowa school board members were usually between 40-60 years of age.

1920: Records indicate that Milford Twp voted to Consolidated on Jan 28; Feb.13 the original board was elected and on Feb 18 it was organized: Pres-Frank Allen: David O.Christy, E.G. Morfey, Jacob Twedt: Oscar D.Twedt. Sec-Howard Minkler and Treas-Henry Birkeland.

1924: Pres-Frank Allen, Charlie Alfred, James Curtiss, E.G.Morfey, Oscar Twedt.

1925-'26: Pres-Frank Allen, Sec-J.W.Gilreath, James Curtiss, J.S.Danielson, Balus Howland, Oscar Twedt.

1928-'29: Pres-Carl Warren, Balus Howland.

1929-'30: Pres-Frank Allen, George Kimble, Balus Howland and Carl Warren.

1930: Pres-George A.Kimble.

1931: Pres-Frank Allen.

1933: Pres-Guy Wakefield, Charles Alfred, D.O.Christy, Frank Menzel, Oscar Twedt.

1935: Pres-Guy Wakefield (1927-'35?, Pres in 1927 and in 1935 was elected Pres for the 3rd consecutive year.), Charles Alfred, D.O.Christy, Frank Menzel, Oscar Twedt.

1936: Pres-Charles Alfred.

1942: Pres Harry Sorensen.

1943-'44: Pres-Mac Allen(also served as Pres 1947-'48 and as Sec in 1931): Sec-Mrs C.S.(Jennie)Christy (Sec1938-'52,14yrs): Treas-Joe Haugen, George W.Manley(1944-'50): H.H.Matters, John Sorem, Harry Sorensen.

1949-'50: Pres-Amil Twedt'33(1948-'50 was Pres1949 & 1950), Sec-Jennie Christy, Treas-Myron Larson, Mac Allen, George Manley, Jeff Rasmusson'32(1950 & 1961), Lon Williams.

1950-'51: Pres-Virgil Brooks'36(1950-55 was Pres 1951), Roy Borton, Ralph Brodie, Magnus Simonson(1951-'58), George Roberts. 1951: Held celebration for burning the Original Mortgage.

1955: Erling Shold.

1956-'57: Pres-Mrs Morris(Frances)Danielson(1956-'60 was Pres 1957 & 1959), Sec-Leon Wilson(was Sec 1953-'61,8 yrs), Bill Christy, John Fitzgerald(1955-'61 was Pres 1955-'57 & 1960), Milo Hadley(1955-'58), George Roberts(1952-'61), Don Wakefield('40)(1957-'61), Treas- Mrs Ross(Grace)Morfey.

1958: Pres-Mrs Lester'32 (Margaret)Brooks (1958-'60)

1959-'60: Pres-Robert Strother(1959-'61 was Pres 1960 and 1961), Richard Sorensen(1959-'61).

1960-'61: Milford Township Consolidated Schools final school board consisted of Pres-Robert Strother, John Fitzgerald, Jeff Rasmusson('32), Richard Sorensen('37), Don Wakefield('40). Sec-Leon Wilson, Supt C.P.Thompson.

Milfordites on Nevada Comm Board since 1961: Jeff Rasmusson('32), Glen Sampson('43), Duane Brodie('56), Art Borton('57).

Honoring Our School Board

by Patsy Manley Smith, Class of 1951, in memory of her father, George W.Manley.

They were asked to share some time.
No, it wouldn't pay a dime.
The evening come on a monthly basis.
Year round they met regarding rules, regulations.
and hiring new faces.

Some evenings grain was waiting in the fields;
the rains that night would fault the yields.
Still the responsibility did remain,
that school board night prevailed instead of grain.

Patsy Manley '51

Decisions regarding who would qualify
to teach their children which rules apply.
Someone had to do the job;
it would be those who chose NOT to hide.

Children, parents, sports' teams abound.
How to please this entire crowd.
Yet pleasing all was not the aim;
it was what curriculum could assist their
children's future to attain.

Their constant caring and consistent pride,
prepared their children able to provide.
A future success locally,
or if they chose to live world wide;

Our school board had to have guts and be bold,
so children could simply achieve their goals.
They did not attain wealth nor fame,
but a simple knowledge they had provide a
positive future generational strain.

The 1952 Annual was dedicated to the Board and Sec Mrs Carl Christy. Also, the 1958 Annual was dedicated to their School Board

Our thanks to them, for they became involved,
their love, efforts, & concern for us, was their basic resolve.
We honor them tonight with our returned gratitude.
Wherever they are, may they know a life
with God's blessings, and of peaceful solitude.

Patsy Manley'51 Smith notes that the 1944-'51 board era first allowed pregnant teachers to teach.

1956 Milford Twp School Board

Bill Christy, Milo Hadley, Supt Keith D. Hopkins, President John Fitzgerald, Secretary Leon Wilson, Mrs Morris (Frances) Danielson, George Roberts.

1957 School Board

L to R: Mrs Morris (Frances) Danielson; George Roberts; Don Wakefield; Milo Hadley; John Fitzgerald, President; Leon Wilson, Secretary. Absent: Mrs Ross (Grace) Morfey, Treasurer. This photo most likely taken in the Office above the south front door of the School. That room had served, for years, as the School's greenhouse as it was smaller and windows on three sides.

1953 Teaching Staff

Front: Mrs Petersen, Mrs Selby, Mrs McFarland, Mrs Gilreath, Mrs Donnielson. Back: Mr Beasmore, Mrs Munson, Mr Brott, Mrs Sandell, Supt Hauswirth, Mr Radanal.

1954 Teaching Staff

Front: Mrs Gilreath '30, Mrs Petersen, Mrs McFarland, Mrs Munson, Miss Mary Harper (attended Milford from first thru eighth grade). Back: Mrs Donnielson, Mr Hauswirth, Mr Cochrane, Mr Metcalf, Mrs Sandell. Absent from picture: Mr Shaw.

Mrs Margaret Hereim '30 Gilreath 7 years 1936-'37 1943-'46 (3&4) 1951-'54 (3&4) In Fall of 1948 she taught 5&6 for a short time.

Mrs Vida Doolittle, 5 & 6 7 years 1954-'61. She also taught at the Milford site after the merge with the Nevada system.

Mrs Margaret Lamson 1954-'61- Taught Remedial Reading 7 years for the entire School. Her husband, Bob, was an ISU coach.

Mrs Dorthea Schindler 1955- '59 Wife of Story County Supt who left Milford when the Co Supt job was eliminated. English, History and Vocal Music.The 1959 annual was dedicated to her.

Mr and Mrs Gerald (1 year 1957) and Georga Anne (3 years 1954-'57) Voigt. One of two, perhaps three, married couples that taught at the same time at Milford. He taught Math, Science and Industrial Arts. She taught Vocal and Instrument Music. Their son, James, started school at Milford in 1955.
In 1961, Jim and Marlys Dodds (pg 164) were another couple together on the teaching staff.

The School(s) Personnel

Milford Twp Faculty 1920-1961

Listed are all known Supt, Principals, Coaches and Teachers at Milford from 1920 through 1961.

1920 Mrs Fred A.Smith; Supt, salary of $150 a month. She hired a staff of 4 teachers for the nine grades; Lola Lundy; Edith Steffens, Lois Wendel & Florence Woods.

1920-'24 Mrs F.A.Smith; Principal/Supt(4yrs) (She was given recognition on May 16,1924 when she was publicly complimented for her excellent work in building a fine school system.)Taught in the Milford system from 1895.

1920-'26 Children hauled to School in 6 wagons and 2 trucks (busses).

1920-'21 Mrs Lola Lundy Johnson;?(1+?)

1920-'21 Miss Lois Wendel;?(1+?)

1920-'21 Miss Florence Woods;?(1+?)

1920-'21 Miss Edith Steffin;lst(1+?)

1921 Enrollment 202 students

1921-'22 Miss Olive Browntie;JrHi(1+?)

1921-'22 Miss Magdelyn Tilmont;5-6th(1+?)

1921-'22 Miss Amy Wheeler;3-4th(1+?)

1921-'26 Miss Nina Gilreath(Milford Twp) (Mrs Huhn); 2nd,5-6th(5+?)

1921-'22 Miss Gertrude Taylor;Primary(1+?)

1922 Bus "haulers" transported 209 students.

1923-'24 Miss Esther Carlson;Principal(1+?)

1923-'26 Miss Bessie Adams;grade(3+?)

1923-'24 Miss Lena Fownswick;grade(1+?)

1923-'25 Miss Faye Lackey;primary(2+?)

1924-'25 Mr Lester Gill;Supt 1yr

1924-'25 Miss Freda Sutherland;Principal (1 yr)

1924-'26 Miss Pauline Gilmore;1-2nd(2+?)

1925-'28 Mr A.J.Michelson;Supt 3yrs

1925-'26 Miss Longnecker;Principal(l+?)

1925-'28 Miss Hellen Kelley;7-8th(3+?)

1925-'26 Mrs Huhn;5-6th(1+?)

1925-'33 Miss Ardis Hereim(Milford Twp) Carver; 1-2,3-4(8+?)

1926-'30 Miss Edith Myers;Principal,H.Ec,Gen Sci, Econ 4yrs

1926-'27 Mr Frank Kilts;Physics&Agr(1+)

1926-'27 Miss Ina Beam;5-6th(1+?)

1926-'29 Miss Ruth Allen(Mrs Alvin Nelson);1-2nd(3+?); See 1942. Total 4yrs

1927-'29 Mr Burton'B.G.'Halverson;Coach,ManTrain, Math 2yrs. (gone 6yrs) See 1935 Supt, Total 13yrs

1927-'28 Miss Holmes; Math, English (1+?)

1927-'30 Miss Garnet Dickens;7-8th(3+yrs)

1927-'28 Miss Anna Carmody;5-6th(1+?)

1927-'31 Miss Julie Grinde;5-6th(4+?)

1927-'35 Miss Janette Sowers(Milford Twp'28)(Mrs Frank Peikert);elem.4-5th(8+?)

1928-'29 Mr G.W. Weyrauch;Supt 1yr. Killed 4/7/29 car-train accident.

1928-'29 Mr Kellogg; Co Supt served out "G.W.'s" yr.

1928-'29 Mr Corder;ComBus,Agr,Coach(1+)

1928-'30 Miss Mildred Welty; Music, Geom, Lit, Gov (2+?)

1928-'29 Miss Alien; Music (1+?)

1928-'29 Miss Cronk; 3-4th (1+?)

1928-'29 Miss Arnenson;? (1+?)

1929-'30 Milford had 13 bus routes.

1929-'30 Mr Wayne Pratt;Supt,Hist,Ag,Phyco 1yr

1929-'30 Mr Arthur Bielefeldt;Coach,ManTrain,Math, Physics(1+?) (He constructed the newspaper & magazine racks for the assembly room.)

1929-'31 Miss Flora Wise;3-4th(2+?)

1929-'30 Miss Eleanor Heidkrass;1-2nd(1+?)

1929-'30 Miss Ruby Christian(Milford Twp'30)(Mrs Aloio Freeman);elem(1+?)

1930-'34 Mr Ralph Morgan;Supt,Eng 4yrs

1930-'33 Miss Evelyn Walker;Principal,Eng,Math 3yrs

1930-'34 Mr Arvid Lein;Coach,PhysEd,Hist,ManTrain 4yrs

1930-'31 Miss Ruth Fox;HomeEc,Eng(1+?)

1930-'31 Miss Virginia Kelley;7-8th(1+?)

193?-'?? Mr Bernice Howland(Milford Twp'28);elem(1+?)

193?-'?? Mr Kimble Peterson(Milford Twp'29);?(1+?)

193?-'?? Effie Gerlach; Thelma Larkey;Paul McDurby; Miss Mersheim; Florence Adams Perry;Mr or Mrs Mark Rae??, Myrtle Townswick(each 1+?)

1931 The Board voted a 10-15% cut for ALL.

1931-'32 Miss Margaret Kinslla;Music(1+?)

1931-'32 & 1938-'39 Morris Danielson (Milford Twp); Music, 7-8th (2+?)

1931-'33 Miss Rena Mauch;Eng,HomeEc(2yr)

1931-'33 Miss Dora Ellis;7-8th(2+?)

1931-'33 Miss Mildred Hougen;4-5-6th(2+?)

1931-'32 Miss Lucille Mosteller;2-3rd(1+?)

1932 Eight grade graduated 11, all boys, a rare situation for 8th or HS.

1932 Largest graduation Class of 17: 8 boys & 9 girls.

1932 A staff of 8 teachers and 14 bus' haulers'. The last year horses were used.

1932 Fall enrollment: 212 students; 88 girls, 124 boys. Only 10 and 12 grades had more girls.

1932-'36 Miss Clara Gunderson (Mrs McCoy);2,3,4th (4yrs)- All Boys Harmonica Band.

1933-'34 Miss Dorothy Sowers (Milford Twp'31) (Mrs Vere Bielefeldt);?,rural at $78 per month

1933-'35 Arlet Christian (Milford Twp'28) (Mrs Kenneth) Smith; Principal (2yrs)

1933-'35 Miss Charlotte Cole(Mrs Eggland);6th-8th(2yrs)

1933-'35 Miss Florence Crouch;Drama,1st(2yrs)

1933-'35 Miss Ingeborg Nesheim;JrHi(2+?)

1934-'35 Co Supt Lucile Douglass;1+?

1934 Board voted ALL staff a 20% increase, Supt Morgan left. The teachers were granted the same advance in salary.

1934 Mr E.G.Jacobs;Adult Educ-Vog Ag,(A 1st!)Hrs:10-2

1934-'35 Mr C.B.Johnson;Supt 1yr

1934-'35 Mr Virgil Duea;?,Coach,1+?

1934-'35 Miss Lavon Dunlea;Eng,music,1+?
1934 Miss Mary Bell;hired for Pre-school with a grant,was it granted? Or not?
1935-'46 Mr Burton'B.G.'Halverson;Supt 11yrs.Algebra, Shop,Coach.See 1927-'29.Total 13yrs
1936 A total of 10 teachers; 3 men and 7 ladies. Ten bus routes, the most in all of Story County, transported the students from the 36-square miles of Milford Twp. Enrollment: 168; 93 boys and 75 girls.
1936-'37 Prof Alvin R.Edgar,ISC;Band-twice a week
1936-'37 Miss Marcella Benson;Eng,Music(1+?)
1936-'37,1941-'42 Miss Dorothy Dunn;SocSci(2+?)
1936-'37 Mr Otto Sheel;Sci(1+?)
1936-'37 Miss Margaret Byal ;Typing (A lst!), Hygiene, JrHi (1+?) See page 287.
1936-'37 Miss Margaret Clark;JrHi Dept(1+?)
1936-'39 Miss Maxine Narland;4-5th(3yrs)
1936-'37 Miss Anne Tillard; 2-3rd (1+?) Perhaps 4th
1936-'37 Mrs Margaret Hereim(Milford Twp'30) Gilreath 1st(1yr).See 1943 & 1951.Total 7yrs See pg 287
1937-'40 Mr Harry Arthur;Coach,Sci, History, Agri(3yrs)
1937-'39 Miss Dorothy Neuman;1st(2yrs)
1938 Board contracted for redoing HS assembly.
1938-'43 Miss Pauline Bathe;Music(4+?) (Mrs Radabaugh)
1938-'40 MissMaxiene Murdock;Eng,ComBus,Drama(1+?
1938-'39 Miss Mabel Rickman; HomeEc, Art (1+?)
1938-'39 Mr Robert Larson;6-7-8th(1+?)
1938-'39 Mr Lee Verne Johnson; 6-7th (1+?)
1938-'43 Miss Ruth L. Hauser (Mrs Myron Larsen'35 Milford Twp); 2-3rd (5yrs)
1939 High school student enrollment:52. Jr-Hi:12 in each 7th & 8th, 14 in 1st, 21 in 2nd, 12 in 3rd, 21 in 4th, 13 in 5th, 15 in 6th.
1939-'42 Mr Darrell Lindberg;Coach,Science (3yrs)
1939-'42 Miss Thelma Lee(Dr Walker);HomeEc(3yrs)
1939-'42 Mr J. Edger Lee;Coach,6-8th(3+?)
1939-'40 Miss Theodora Charlson;l-2nd(1+?)
1940-'41 Ruth Harris; English (1+?)
1940-'41 Miss Hazel Palmer;7-8th, Music (l+?)
1941-'45 Mrs Roy Deltha Mason;Com,Hist,Drama(4yrs)
1941-'45 Miss Ruth Halterman; 7-8th (4+?)
1941-'42 Miss Eunice Berglund; 7-8th Music and Band (1+?)
1941-'45 Miss Virginia Gore;7-8th (4+?)
1941-'43 Miss Ethlyn Vandehaar; 3-4th (2+?)
1941-'42 Miss Ford; 3-4th (1+?)
1942 Total enrollment 157 with 52 in High School
1942-'44 Miss Ingo Olson;All Music,HS Eng(2+?)
1942-'43 Mr Philip Grout; Principal HS ?(1+?)
1942-'43 Miss Grace Jorgenson;HS ?(1+?)Comm & Drama
1942-'43 Miss Charlotte Moen (Anderson) 6&7 (1+?)
1942-'44 Mrs Ruth Oliver; Music 2yrs
1942-'43 Miss Frances Switzer;HS ? English dd(1+?)
1942-'43 Mrs Hjarmar; 5&6
1942-'43 Mrs Ruth Allen Nelson(Alvin);3-4th (1+?). See 1926. Total (4+?yrs)
1942-'43 Miss Mavis Chapell;1-2nd(1+?)
1943-'46 Mrs Harriet Blum;7-8th (3+?
1943-'44 Miss Ruth Ringgenberg; Hm Ec.,Sci, Gov (1yr) (Mrs Randy Matson)
1943-'44 Marjorie Snyder (MrsEvert Bauman) ;1-2nd (1yr)
1943-'44 Miss Delores Meyer(Mrs Earl Kotz);5-6th (1 yr)
1943-'46 Mrs Margaret Hereim(Milford Twp'30)Gilreath (Willard); 3-4th 3yrs. See 1936 & 1951. Total 7yrs.
1944-'47 Mrs Joyce Ramsey(Frank);Music,Eng 3yrs
1944-'45 Mrs Helen McLaughlin;SocSci(1+?)
1944-'61 Mrs Jessie Johnson Petersen(Sophus);JrHi 17yrs
1944-'48 Mrs Lura Ingersoll Smith(Claude);5-6th(4yrs)
1944-'45 Mrs Betty Sorensen (Laverne both'36);1&2nd(1?)
1945 Student enrollment: 125; 1st=12, 2nd=12, 3rd=14, 4th=6, 5th=10, 6th=12, 7th=11,8th=8, 9th=10, 10th=9, 11th=12, 12th=9.
1945-'46 Mrs Hough, Music (lyr)
1946-'48 Mr Wm E.Swim;Supt,Coach,PhysEd (2yrs)
1946-'48 Miss Johnette Edwards (Mrs Quentin Fuks); ComBus,Eng (2yrs)
1946-'48 Mrs Donna Westlie Hipps(Owen);HomeEc,Sci, Hist (2yrs)
1946-'47 Mrs Rhea, Music,Eng (1yr)
1946-'47 Mrs Lola Swanson;Music,Eng(1+?)
1946-'47 Mrs Elsie Huffhauser Hansen;Math(1+?)
1946-'49 Mrs Melba Harmen Garvin(Robert'Bob');3-4th (3yrs)
1946-'49 Mrs Irene Plotner Hauser(Dale);1-2nd (3yrs)
1947-'48 Miss Esmay;music(1+?)
1948-'49 Mr H.H.Harnack;Supt,Bio,Agr (1yr)
1948-'50 Mrs Kathryn Boyd Larson, Principal,ComBus, Eng,Hist,Drama (2yrs)
1948-'49 Mr Leo Cramer;Coach,IndArts,Physio,Gov(1yr)
1948-'50 Mrs Beth Cross Doughty;Eng, Music, Home Ec, Geometry (2yrs)
1948-'50 Mr R.N. Kjerland;Band(2yrs)
1948-'49 Mrs Ava Nelle Everett(A.C.);5-6th(1yr)
1949 Graduated only 4, all boys, a rare situation. Milford Twp smallest class.
1949-'52 Mr Larry Baldus;Supt,Soc,Lat,His(3yrs)
1949-'52 Mr William VanHorn;Principal,Eng,AmHist 3yrs
1949-'51 Mr Stanley Paul; Coach, Man.Train, PhysEd, Hist (2yrs)
1949-'52 Mrs Laura Smith (Wayne); 5-6th 3yrs
1949-'51 Miss Phyllis Robinson Harper(Mrs Joe,Milford Twp'47); 3-4th (2yrs)
1949-'51 Mrs Marlys Jacobson(Walter, Milford Twp'39); 1-2 (2yrs)
1950-'51 Mrs Wilma Haines(Roger);Principal,Voc&Inst Music, Eng(1yr)
1950-'51 Mrs Jack Mize;HomeEc (lyr)
1950-'52 Mrs Neva Cummings(M.F.);ComBus (2yrs)
1950-'51 Mrs Huffman;Music&Band(1+?)
1950-'51 Mrs Kirlin;HS? (1+?)
1950-'51 Mrs Militich;1-2nd (1+?)
1951 Fall, only 13 boys in HS.

1951-'52 Mr Gerald Petersen;Coach,Math,His,PhysEd (1yr
1951-'59 Mrs Lois Sundean Sandell(Howard); HomeEc, Eng,Soc,Art,Speech (8yrs)
1951-'52 Mrs Robert Mott;Music (1yr)
1951-'52 Mr Robert Mitchell;Shop,Welding,Elec (1yr)
1951-'54 Mrs Margaret Hereim(Milford Twp'30)Gilreath (Willard);3-4th 3yrs. See 1936 & 1943. Total (7 yrs)
1951-'52 Mrs Merna Kramer;1-2nd (1yr)
1951 Fall, only 13 girls in HS.
1952-'54 Mr ErvingJ.Hauswirth;Supt,Ag,Math,Shop (2yrs)
1952 Student enrollment: 156, only 13 girls in HS.
1952-'53 Mr Earl H.Brott;Principal,ComBus,Eng 1yr
1952-'53 Mr Vernon W.'Barney'Beasmore;Coach,Sci,Gov, PhysEd (1yr)
1952-'53 Mr Rabanal?;HS ?(1+?)
1952-'54 Mrs MaryJane Munson;VocMusic (2yrs)
1952-'54 Mrs Helen F.McFarland;5-6th (2yrs)
1952-'53 Mrs Beverly Selby;1-2nd (1yr)
1952-'53 Mrs Lucylle Dubbert;Kindergarten (1yr)
1952-'54 Mrs Susan Donnielson;Kindergarten (2yrs)
1953-'54 Mr Harlan Metcalf;Principal,Hist,ComBus (1yr)
1953-'56 Coach Everett'Ev'Cochrane;Principal,Coach, Eng, Sci (3yrs)
1953-'54 Mrs MaryBrandenburg;InstMusic,Twirlers (1/2yr)
1953-'54 Mr Shaw, InstMusic (1/2yr)
1953-'54 Mrs Joan Newbrough;2nd (1yr)
1953-'54 Mrs Mary Harper(Milford Twp/Ames'50);1st, 1yr
1954-'57 Mr Keith D Hopkins;Supt,Social Studies, Industrial Arts, BusLaw, Science (3yrs)
1954-'55 Mr Lester Cadwell;BusEd,Math (1 yr)
1954-'55 Mrs Neola Drum;ComBus,Math (1 yr)
1954-'57 Mrs Georga Anne Geigel Voigt(Gearld);Voc&Inst Music, ComBus,Eng (3yrs)
1954-'61 Mrs Viva Shields Doolittle(Wayne);5-6th (7 yrs)
1954-'56 Mrs Doris Denny;3-4th (2yrs)
1954-'56 Mrs Anna Johnson;1-2nd (2yrs)
1954-'61 Mrs Mary Ann McCall Allen (Phil, Milford Twp'22 /Nevada);Kindergarten (7yrs)
1954-'61 Mrs Margaret Lamson(Robert);Remedial Reading (7yrs)
1955-'56 Mrs Edith Aronoff;Math,Hist,Physics (1yr)
1955-'59 Mrs Dorthea Schindler (E.P. Story Co Supt); VocMusic,Eng,Hist 4yrs
1956 Bond issue passed for new gym and additional classrooms in one vote.
1956-'58 Mr Louis L.Schrader;Principal,Coach,Sci,Soc. Studies, Physical.Education (2yrs)
1956-'57 Mr Gearld Henry Voigt;Math,Sci,IndArts (1yr)
1956-'58 Mrs Cletus Conklin Wilson;3-4th (2yr)
1956-'59 Mrs Cecelia'CeAnn'Klopfenstein Martin;1-2nd (3yrs)
1957-'61 Mr C.P.Thompson;Supt,ComBus,IndArts,Music, Band (4yrs)
1957-'58 Mr Don Gustafson;Algebra,Sci,Chem (1yr)
1957-'59 Mrs Christina Schepers;BusEd,Eng,SocSt (2yrs)
1958-'59 Mr Rodger Pitstick;Principal,Math,Sci,Geo, Physics,IndArts (1yr)
1958-'59 Mrs Mary Maahs;3-4th (1yr)
1958-'60 Mr Don Ramus;Coach,PhysEd,SocSt,Sci (1yr)
1958-'59 Mrs Margaret Ann Ahrens Kleese;3-4th (1yr)
1959-'60 Mrs Joyce Bell;Music,Eng,SocSt,Hist (1yr)
1959-'61 Mrs Johanne Finch(Cecil);Prin ,Music, Math, Science (2yrs)
1959-'60 Mr John McGilvrey;Industrial Arts, Commercial Business ,English ,Government (1yr)
1959-'60 Mrs Ruth Rose;HomeEc,Spch,Eng (1yr)
1959-'60 Miss Patricia Ann Steinhart;3-4th (1yr)
1959-'60 Miss Sandra Johnson;1-2nd (1yr)
1960-'61 Mr Laurence 'Jim'Dodd; Coach, Social Studies, Physical Education (1yr)
1960-'61 Miss Ora Lee Brown;Music (1yr)
1960-'61 Mr Carroll Finnestad;BusEd (1yr)
1960-'61 Miss Ellen Reckendorf;HomeEc,SocSt,Sci (1yr)
1960-'61 Miss Sylvia Straub;Eng,French,Speech (1yr)
1960-'61 Miss Ruth Helvig;SocSt (1yr)
1960-'61 Mrs Marlys Bergland Dodd(Jim);3-4th (1yr)
1960-'61 Miss Ethel Jacobson;1-2nd (1yr)
1990 Only 75 school age students in Milford Twp.
2000 Only 125 school age students in Milford Twp.

OTHER TEACHERS living on farms in Milford Twp:

Mrs Ernest(Louise)Bhend taught in the rural school of NE and near Fort Dodge and many years of elem in Story City.

Mrs Clarence (Hazel) Bivens taught in a rural school near Zearing, elementary at Nevada and subbed in the area including Milford Twp.

Mrs Morris (Francis) Humphrey Danielson Prin in Roland.

Mrs Andrew T.Hereim subbed in Roland in 1918-?

Mrs Rexford (Edna) Hughes taught secondary, English and Music in Williams and North Polk.

Mrs Howard(Irene)Jacobson taught at 2 Rural Schools, Zearing, Roland & Nevada.

Mrs Robert'Jake' (Milford Twp'57) (Sharon) Jacobson, taught kindergarten in Ames.

Mrs Joe(Barbara Jacobson Milford Twp) Toot (both '66/ Nevada) taught 3-4th in Maxwell.

Mrs Waldon (Mavis) Kingsbury'38 taught elementry in Roland:33yrs.

Mrs Warren K. (Ona) Nelson, taught at Redfield and subbed in the area.

Mr Willian Stevenson taught in a one room rural school in Warren Twp (see Love Stories, page 217).

Mr Cap Thompson taught band in Roland.

Superintendent Stance

Two Supts at Milford, who are well remembered, strike an almost unbelievable similar stance in these two pictures taken eighteen years apart. Left: Supt Halverson (1939) shares a smile but yet seems to be very much in charge as does Supt Hopkins (1957). It causes the viewer to wonder if, in their training for the job, there was a college course, at least a Junior level course, that taught the perspective Supt how to "strike a pose". Notice also, in the lower right of the right photo, future Supt Bill Jacobson must have been paying attention to this stance: Comb your hair, dress neatly, and cross your arms.

Ironically, each of the pictured Supts tutored at least one future Supt. Halverson, Fred Matters, 1944 and Hopkins, Bill Jacobson 1959. Halverson was Supt from 1935-1946 and prior to that, 1927-1929, as a Milford teacher. Hopkins was Supt from 1954-1957. See page 201.

Both men also had highly successful careers after leaving Milford Twp - Hopkins at Ankeny & Halverson as Carroll and Pottawattamie Counties' Supt of Schools.

Sliding on the Bannister

From 1938 there's a report that mentions that Mervin Brooks and Wayne Olinger were often caught sliding on the banisters that were adjacent to the 2 sets of steps, one to the south and one on the west, each containing 4 half flights that went down from the High School area on third floor. This practice continued throughout the use of the School until about 1953 or '54 when the janitor installed some blocks of wood (Its color didn't match the original shade of the banister) about 2 1/2 inches high and six inches long on the banister, just where one would pick up the most momentum. The practice didn't entirely cease but it sure was indulged in less frequently. Getting caught, because it was somewhat dangerous, by a teacher was bad enough but if the Supt caught you, that was a different scenario. It actually was somewhat of a game to see how fast the steps could be navigated and how many of the steps could be "jumped down". If you missed and caught your heel, you were a good candidate for a broken ankle (or wrist), but it never happened.

New Supt Named at Milford

Adapted from the 2 July 1934 Nevada Journal

Carl B Johnson of Randall was elected Superintendent of the Milford Consolidated School at a special meeting held by the School Board of Milford.

Johnson was selected from a field of 29 applicants, 20 of whom were present at the meeting. He is a graduate of Iowa State Teachers College and has had some years experience.

He was elected to succeed Ralph Morgan, for some years a teacher in this county who has been selected to the principalship of Longmont, Colorado, High School.

Morgan, before holding the superintendency of Milford School, had held a similar position at Gilbert.

Edit: This would appear to be a formidable task for the School Board, to select one person out of a group of 29, probably since many of them would be well qualified. Remember that this was in the Depression years and jobs, especially good jobs such as this, would have been very difficult to obtain. The selected man, Carl Johnson, who only stayed at Milford for one year, was not the Carl "Shorty" Johnson that was the janitor for Milford for three years, 1946-1949.

1934 Pay Increase

In the early thirties, 1931, because of belt tightening caused by the depression and the bad weather, salaries had been cut for the staff at Milford School. However, in the fall of 1934 Ralph Morgan, Supt, was given an advance in salary of approximately twenty percent. Others teachers given the same advance were Arlet Christian Principal; Jeanette Sowers and Charlotte Cole, intermediate: Ingeborg Nesheim junior high and Florence Crouch and Clara Gunderson, primary. The members of the School Board were Guy Wakefield, Pres., Frank Menzel, Charles Alfred, Oscar Twedt and D.O. Christy.

An unexpected situation occurred in the early thirties in which teachers were being hired and their names would be printed in the paper as teachers for the upcoming year. Then, before School started, they would quit and the School Board would have to find a replacement. An easy speculation is that they found a higher paying position. So the Board put a provision in the contract that the teacher had to pay a "fine" that would cover the cost of hiring a replacement. This, apparently did not stop the practice, so the Board put a $50 penalty in the contract. This was very significant amount as a salary would be in the range of $100 a month. (Half a month's wage) This apparently stopped the trend as no further steps were mentioned. See also page 246.

Tribute to a Teacher
Mrs Everett

Although this tribute is from just one person, about just one teacher in just one school; I'm sure probably every student, perhaps in every school, not just Milford Twp, could write a similar affirmation of the influence of one of their teachers.

A Teacher's Influence
15 Nov 2005 by Dale Hughes
Date of incident- Fall 1948

Once upon a time, in a land and time that seems far away now, I was a young scholar in the sixth grade at Milford Twp School near Nevada, Iowa. We had started the sixth year with a teacher whom I had in fifth grade, Mrs Claude Smith. About six weeks into the school year her husband suddenly died and she felt unable to continue so she retired. A young bride, a very attractive blonde teacher from Mississippi, whose husband was a student at Iowa State, was hired. Enter Mrs Everett.

In the fifth and start of the sixth grade, which were in the same room, I was gradually getting into more and more trouble on the playground, not so much in the classroom. On the playground, it started off as arguments and gentle fighting but soon the friendliness and gentleness left and it was just a few lines of arguing and challenges over most anything- and then battle royal with rasslin' and sluggin'. Playground diplomacy failed. We played a game with a football-like ball that would probably, more accurately, resemble a game of unrefereed rugby, so there were many occasions when there were disputes as to the degree of interference, roughness, and fumbles, etc. I don't recall any black eyes or anything more serious than a mild bloody nose. By the time Mrs Everett arrived I had already been to the Supt Office a couple times for fighting on the playground. I don't recall any discipline stronger than a stern lecture and a promise of more drastic, but unmentioned, consequences in the near future. In a way, these confrontations with the teachers, those with the authority, were a sign of a "red badge of courage".

One particular day, after a tussle with a fellow classmate on the playground during a rugby game, the teacher with playground duty sent me to my classroom, "Young man, march yourself in to your room for the remainder of recess". She escorted me to and through the school house door and then stood at the bottom of the stairs to be sure I went into the 5th and 6th grade room which was at the top and to the right of a half flight set of steps. I entered the empty room and shut the door after myself; the only person there was Mrs Everett. She was setting at her desk, grading papers. Her desk was in the northeast corner of the room and overlooked the room to the southwest with the students' desks facing the south and the blackboard.

She asked the purpose of my returning to the room early. I told her the playground supervisor had told me to return to my room because I had been fighting on the playground. I don't recall with whom the altercation had been and I don't think the other person was kicked off the playground. Anyhow, she remained seated at her desk and told me to come close to the corner of her desk that was closest to her right elbow. I did so with a little trepidation because she was so new at our school that no one knew how she dealt with conduct problems. She gave me a lecture in a gentle, soft-voiced manner about how fighting with others most often lead to more fighting with additional ill-will, hostility, etc. I doubt if

Mrs Everett serving as playground supervisor on a spring day in 1949. Note the bus with the number 5 on it. Pix taken at the southeast corner of the school. In her right hand she holds the "recess bell" although there was a very loud bell on the exterior east wall about twenty feet up the wall. (Mrs Everett died in the fall of 2006.)

this sermon lasted more than a minute or a minute and a half. There was probably more to her commentary than that (And I call it a sermon because it was good advice, delivered gently, but with a sincere feeling of concern and love). And with that she gently reached out with her right arm and put her arm around my waist and gently pulled me to her and gave me a big-sisterly very tender kiss on the left cheek. And still holding me around the waist, she quietly, more like a whisper, asked me "and now, young man, are you going to be doing any more fighting? I don't recall my answer but surely I said something to effect- No ma'am. She gave me another gentle hug, released her hold on my waist and, more than anything else, suggested I take my seat and do some studying until the rest of kids returned. Bottom line- I never was in another fight.

Her method of dealing with a behavior situation was so completely different than that which I had become accustomed to that it completely disarmed me, completely changed something within me that, to this day, I still haven't figured out. Perhaps it sounds over dramatical to say it- but it was, I think, a life changing event. Sometimes I think that it is rare that a person knows or can distinguish when a life changing event occurs; but in this instance- I know.

Edit: In the spring of 2006 Jurine, who was a fifth grade student of Mrs Everett, mailed this tribute to Mrs Everett in Mississippi and visited with her by phone. She was 84 years of age and vividly recalled her time at Milford and remembered most of the student's names. Mrs Everett's daughter wrote in Feb 2007 and reported this article was read at Mrs Everett's funeral in Oct 2006 because Mrs Everett appreciated it so much.

Ol Milford farmer think: Optimist is man who hasn't had many experiences yet.

RURAL TEACHERS of MILFORD TWP 1858-1920

The following list is admittedly very incomplete as there were approximately 250 teachers in the last 25 or so years for nine one roomed schools. The school year was often set up as a three month term in the summer and a four month term in the winter, each with its own teacher's contract. The nine schools were located and numbered by starting one mile from each township corner, No.1 was in the N E, two miles west was No.2, then in the NW corner was No.3, then two miles south of it was No.4. In the center of the township, in Sec 15, was No.5 and two miles east of it was No.6, then two miles south of it was No.7, two miles west of No.7 was No.8 and in the SW corner was the No.9 school, each two miles apart in any major direction. See map on page 5.

1869: Only three teachers were listed in the local paper for the three area schools, No. 2- Blackberry aka Blueberry or Durby or North. Mrs Haviland, No. 3- Pleasant Grove, Miss Susie Kelley, No. 9- Sheffield School (may have been in SW Howard Twp), Miss Alice M. Newton. Sheffield School was built in circa 1858.

Right: This stylish dressed young lady has the intriguing name of Queen Harrison. She was a teacher about 1909 at Pleasant Grove School Number 3. She was one of the teachers that Ida Jacobs had when she attended Pleasant Grove. Ida became known as Ida Honderd, mother of two Milford students (Rhoda '50 and Norman '57) and a "walking encyclopedia" of history about the Pleasant Grove Area.

Plowing just like it was done a hunderd years ago in Milford Twp. This snapshot was taken near Hazelton, Iowa in the spring of 2009. A six horse wide hitch is quite unusual.

Left: The front steps on the east end of Pleasant Grove School with a small group of the unidentified scholars and the teacher, perhaps Queen Harrison. The large slab of stone that is used as a step causes speculation as to the number of sprained ankles and knees that occurred when a fast exit was being made and also, where did that stone originate?

1873: 8 frame school houses
1874: 9 Wood frame schools with four male and 9 female teachers at an average salary of $27.80 month. 125 male and 108 female students. Unknown if this included high school age students tuitioned out or just the records of those enrolled in the 1-8 grades.
1875: 2 male and 16 female teachers. Average 110 daily
1876: No. 4- Milford aka Randau, Ada Hall. see page 315
1882: No. 3- Pleasant Grove, Miss Frazier, No. 5- Center (aka Curtis), Miss Baughman.
From 1882 and for 4 or 5 years Charles Curtiss taught at School Number 4. He is the Curtiss who became the Dean of Agriculture at Iowa State.
1885 The teachers for the Spring term at the rural schools of that year were:
No. 1. Etta Pond *
No. 2. C. B. Harrison
No. 3. T. C. James
No. 4. C. F. Curtiss **
No. 5. J. R. McCutchin
No. 6. Sadie McNichols ***
No. 7. Edward Binder
No. 8. Mary Hardcastle ****
No. 9. Maggie Bradford

***The A. C. Pond family was a long time resident in the northeast corner of Milford and it was their family member, Roy who was killed in an airplane accident.**

****The Curtiss family lived a half mile east of the Center site and C. F. Curtiss was the Dean of Agriculture at ISU, but here, he had a mile and a half hike to No 4.**

*****The Michael McNichols family owned the northeast quarter of Sec 23 where the School Number 6 stood and he was the Director of that School at that time.**

******The Hardcastles lived on the west side of Sec 33 so it was a mile and a half walk for Mary to get to School at No 8.**

Maude Wakefield, later the County Supt of Schools in the 'teens, taught at No 4 in 1896 and at No 2 in 1897.

1887: The Milford Township teacher list in the Nevada paper read as follows: No. 1- Clela New, No. 2- Lenora Jacobs, No. 3- Irma Doolittle, No. 4- Lillian Giebelstein, No. 5- Anna Judge, No. 6- Florence Knight, No. 7- Tarman, Relda Maudlin, No. 8- South, none yet, No. 9- Bateman aka Bridwell, Loella Smith.
1896-'97: All 9 Milford Twp 1-room rural schools were staffed: No.3- Pleasant Grove, George Kimble ('27 Milford Twp, who attended the same school as a youth), No. 2- Blackberry, Miss Mable Ferguson, Others were listed without No.'s: Miss Genevieve Minkler. Also Miss Lyddie Danskin, Miss Stella Sherk, Miss Cora Sowers, Miss Letia Simmons, Miss Anna Hopkins, Miss Kate Mauser, George D. Ginn, and Miss Lena Sanders.

1903-'04: There were 15 teachers for the 9 Rural Schools in Milford Twp, 5 men and 10 woman and a total of 168 students.
1917: No.3-Pleasant Grove, Miss Olive Tegland, also, Miss Agnes Lundeberg (Hofsted) school unknown. At this time, Maude Wakefield was the Story County Supt of Schools. She had taught at a one room school in Milford Twp.
OTHER Rural 1-ROOM TEACHERS from Milford Twp found in reports, but their year of teaching is not known are: No.9-Bateman (aka Bridwell): Miss Thornton and Miss Aris Cole.

Miss Maude Wakefield(Milford Twp) who also was later the Story County Supt, again not sure of her tenure, but know to be in 1917.

One thing becomes evident when comparing the names from one year to those of even a short time later and that is the large turnover of teachers.

Ol' Milford Farmer say, "Man who mix poison ivy with four leaf clover, have a rash of good luck".

Moving the Rural Schools Together

Milford Township, a 36 square mile township, was among Iowa's earlier consolidated schools and was organized in 1920. Story County was one of the first two counties in the state to completely eliminate all their rural one room schools. It is interesting to note that at the time of some of the consolidation votes, three of the one room schools within Milford Twp were closed- two "for lack of students" (whatever that means) and the third because there was no place to "board" the teacher.

In 1920 when Milford Township Consolidated School was formed, three rural schools- Numbers 3, 6 and 9- were sold at public auction and not moved. No 3 school was the only brick structure. The others, numbers 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8 were moved to Sec 15 and joined with number 5 to form the site used for the consolidated school effort for the first nine grades and, a year later, the 10th grade. This is the explanation of why, for years, our School might be referred to as " Milford Township Consolidated Schools"- plural. The construction of the Milford Twp Consolidated School, a brick structure, shows the corner stone was set in 1923. The first graduation class was in 1927.

An interesting fact is that, in the State of Iowa, the first one-acre one-room school site that met the requirements of waiting 20-years after the site was no longer used to be granted back to the adjacent family farm was in Milford Twp. The Roy Borton family went through the Story County Court system in 1965 to regain the No 1 school plot or the one acre site on the NE corner of the farm in Sec. 11.

1930's School Busses

The photo is from Glen Sampson's collection but is one of the horse drawn busses that Dorothy Sowers Bielefeldt '31, who grew up on the east side of Sec 8, rode in to get to school in 1931. Both she and her older sister Jeanette later taught at Milford Twp.

Adapted from Lola Tjelmeland '47 Anderson:

I remember the first buses I rode in were very different than the ones they have now. The seats were long benches along the windows and there was a narrow bench down the center. The smallest of the children had to stradle this and sit there. It was hard sometimes not to get your wet shoes on the big kids shoes setting on the side. I don't know how many years we rode those till they were able to buy the busses that had seats down each side. Of course the air conditioner was turned on by opening the windows or the heater was activated by pulling your coat tighter or sitting closer to your friends.

Glen Sampson '43 recalls that he rode the horse drawn busses for the first three years of school and then switched over to motorized. Otis and Argle Cole were the drivers. Glen lived on the very north edge of Milford Twp.

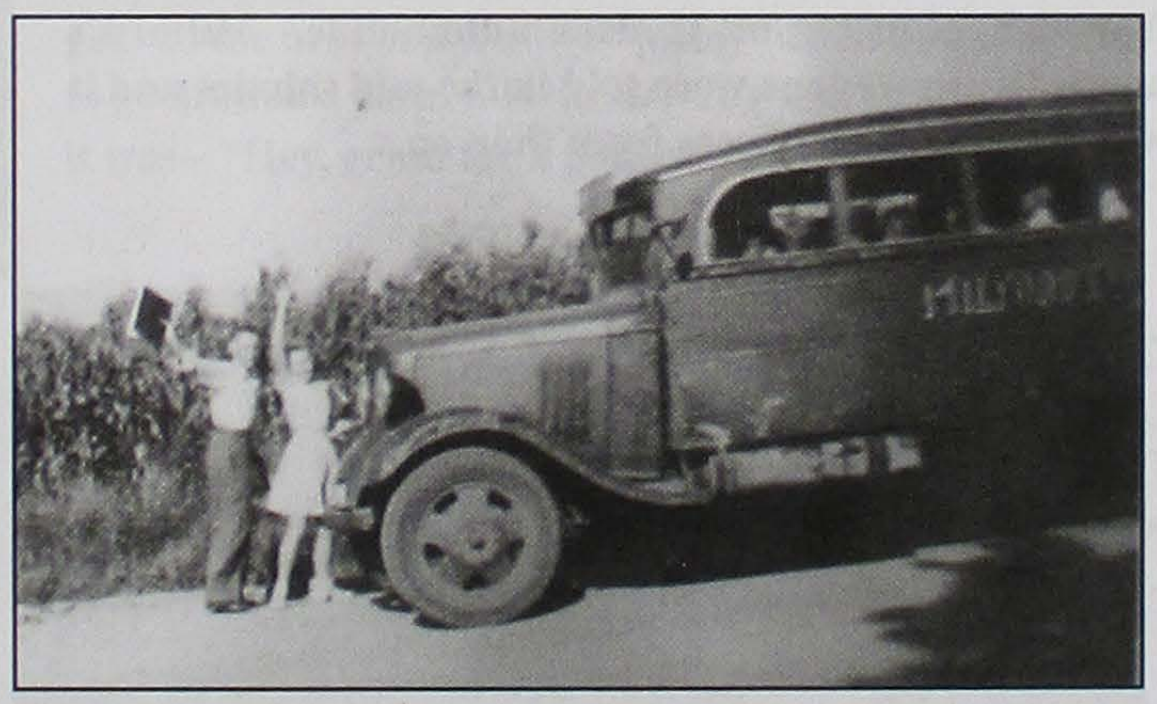
Edit: The contracts of the horse drawn busses were rather unusual in that the folks who had the contract with the school board were listed as "haulers" but that, apparently, did not classify them as the drivers as the name listed in the paper was not necessarily the name of the driver as remembered by the students. Apparently, the driver often was the son of the hauler and often was a student at the school. Speculation is that, at that time, the school board could not make a contract with a minor but the hauler could. The hauler owned the horses and provided for their care, apparently even to the point that one driver reported that they had to take hay to school in the mornings so the horses could have hay at the noon time. This, perhaps in some instances, served as insulation for the students on the bus to use on cold mornings. Others report that the use of heated bricks served to help keep the toes somewhat warmer on these cold days. In 1912, in Grant Twp, there were haulers there for their "Union School" system that received $40 a month with the "wagons" costing about $150 each. The teachers, during the same time period, received $45 to $50 a month. Milford apparently did not have busses until the consolidation into Sec 15.

How much money was paid to the haulers in 1919 and the following years is not known but surely it cost more than what the drivers of the cars and later motorized busses received. From 1920-1923, students were hauled in 6 wagons and 2 busses.

For, apparently, two school years (probably fall of '31 through the spring of '33) private automobiles were used as transportation. One student remembers riding in a fine Hudson automobile to and from school. This was at the time Milford Twp had as many as fourteen drivers. Then the exclusive use of motorized busses began and the horse drawn busses were sold in 1935.

When the concept of motorized school busses was catching on very rapidly, in the mid thirties, it was the standard procedure for the schools to own the bus body and "hauler" or driver would own the truck chassis. At one time during this time frame, Milford owned four bus bodies and, during the summer, these hung suspended from rafters in the bus barn on the School property. Then , in the Fall, when there was a need for student transportation, a farmer would take the grain or stock box off his truck frame and go to the bus barn and bolt on the bus body. This practice had ended by 1940.

Meeting the bus



Raymond '43 and Dorothy '47 Tendall catch the south-bound bus for School probably for the first day of school in the fall of (Dorothy thought) 1940. Is that a cargo carrier with suitcases on the side of the bus? Note the bus is not the yellow that became the standard later. (In 1941 Milford's busses are yellow.) The Tendall family lived a mile east and one and three quarters north on the east side of the road. Note the good looking corn on the other side of the road.

1932 Bus Drivers

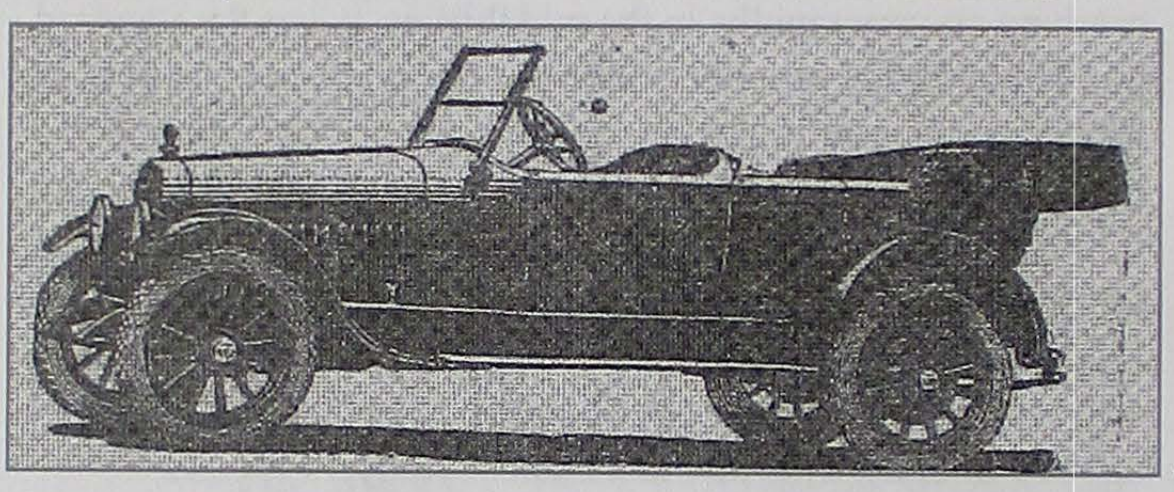
An article in the August 1932 Nevada Paper about the opening of the Milford Twp school for the fall term of 1932 states:

"....Transportation will be handled by 14 bus drivers over as many routes.

Bus drivers and their routes follow; Route 1, William Sowers; 2, Jeffrey Shold; 3, Oscar Cole; 4, Amil Twedt; 5, Rose Brodie; 6, Silas Thompson; 7, Frank Shearer; 8 Carl Cristy (probably Christy); 9, Sam Green; 10, Mrs Marvin Smith; 11, Ross Morfey; 12, Phillip Nelson; 13, Ray Beal; 14 William Sowers."

This must be a record for the most routes and drivers and one of the few instances in Milford Twp where ladies were drivers. It might have been exclusively cars. The article is very clear that there were 14 routes. A few years later it dropped to 5 and then to 4 routes and 4 drivers with the four drivers responsible for obtaining a qualified substitute should the need arise.

One Style of Schoolbus from the Mid-Thirties



This fine looking automobile is a late 1920's seven passenger Hudson . One of the students of the early thirties said for two or three years she was driven to and from school in big ol' Hudson automobile. Milford's horse drawn wagons were sold in the mid thirties and it was all motorized busses from then on.

1936-'37 Bus Drivers

Orville Larson, Lester Brooks '32, Earl Prescott, Oscar Cole, Ray Beal, Howard Olinger, Floyd Twedt '32, Amil Twedt '33, Lew Morris. The Twedts, Floyd and Amil, were cousins.

1938 Bus Drivers

Seven in number: Mrs Julia Eller, Floyd Twedt, Orlene Twedt, H.W. Borts, Elmer Watson, Earl Day, and Marion Olinger.

"Several of the bus routes have been changed in order that these buses might serve the school and community more efficiently"

1939 Busses and Three Drivers

The best there was in 1939.

This picture, a highly magnified one of a very small photo, shows the five busses of Milford Twp in winter of 1938-'39.

Left: Spring 1941. Sister Shirley Molde at the controls of Kermit Molde's Bus. License plate is from 1941. Note the turn signal and the bus is now yellow. The drivers were Kermit Molde, Marion Olinger, Harlan Harper, Jr. and Arnie Munson who was a Junior at the time.

1945 Bus Drivers

The school bus drivers for the 1944-45 school year, as published in the paper, were Joe Honderd, Lendell Manley, Richard Stevenson,Wallace Tjelmeland and Robert Watson. We do not know if there were five routes or four routes with a substitute driver listed, however, because there was a bus number 5, it is probable there were 5 routes. Richard Stevenson undoubtedly holds the record for driving a bus as a student, as he had the job for three years.

1947 Bus Drivers

Senior Girls of 1947, (L-R) Harriet Comfort, Dorothy Tendall, and Lola Mae Tjelmeland with Jack Morris '49. The drivers for 1947 were Joe Harper, Stanley Sorem, Richard Stevenson, and Kenny Watson.

1949 Bus Drivers

Jack Morris, Merrill Anderson, Glen Brown, and Glen Sampson.

1950 Bus Drivers

Richard Sorem '50, Dan Needham '50, John Wakefield '50, Glen Sampson '42.

1953 Bus Drivers

Rex Needham, Arnie Munson '42, Richard Roberts '53, Junior Kuhns '53. They're standing in some snow.

1954 Bus Drivers

Clarion Thompson '54, Arnold Munson '42, Marlin Jorgensen '54, and not pictured Rex Needham.

1955 Bus Drivers

Dale Hughes '55. No official picture was taken this year of the drivers. This is a snapshot made by a friend. Not pictured are Arnie Munson '42, Rex Needham and David Allen '55.

1956 Bus Drivers

Arnold Munson, Ed Needham, Duane Brodie, Bob Jacobson.

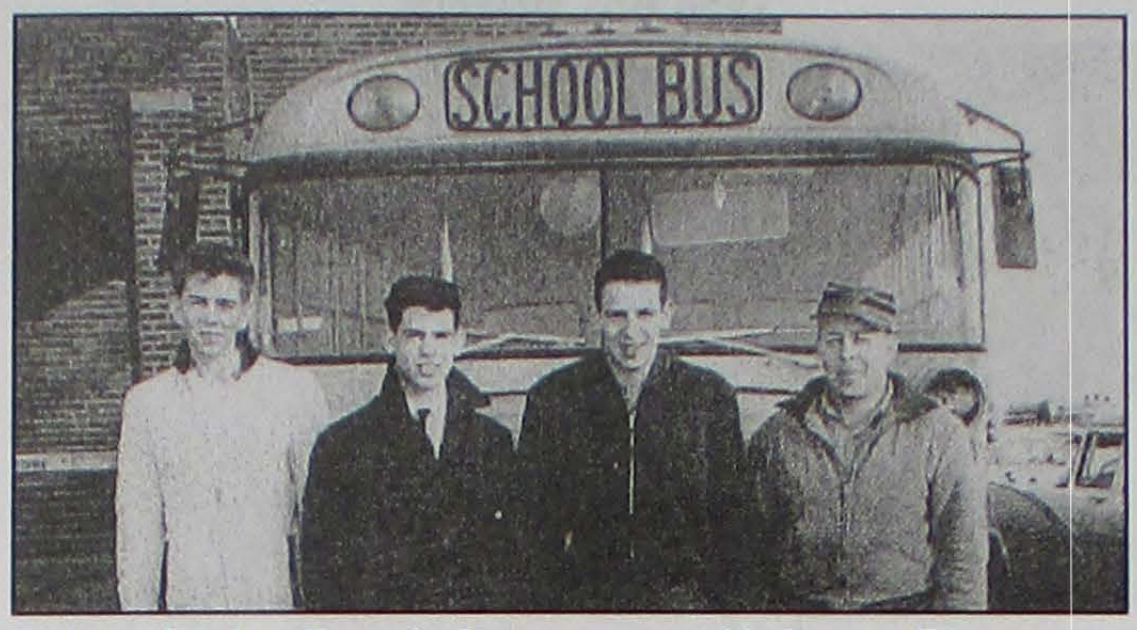
1957 Bus Drivers

Left to Right: Bob Jacobson '57, Arnie Munson '42, Alan Twedt '57, Art Borton '57. The guys look sharp in their letter jackets and Arnie, had he known it was picture taken day, could probably have worn his from 1942 when he graduated from Milford Twp. The bus looks like Bus Number "Three" which was an (approximately) 1950 Ford. It was a "double clutching" baby and it was very temperamental about when it was shifted from one gear to the next and really a "pistol" when downshifting to go around a corner. If the driver wasn't quite careful, it was-- "Hey, grind me a pound!"

1959 Bus Drivers

Arnold Munson '42, Bill Jacobson '59, Jerry Book '59, Ron Strother '59. That looks like Arnie's bus and it was the one used for trips to games and events.

1960 Bus Drivers



Left to Right: Ronnie Rasmusson '60, Larry Thompson '60, Bill Fuss '60, and Arnie Munson '42.
For one reason or another, and no reason heard, this was the last year for high school students driving the busses.

1961 Bus Drivers
Milford's Last Bus Drivers.

Carroll Finnestad, Cecil Rocking, Leonard Tendall '37, and Arnold Munson '42.

Leonard Tendall was a graduate of Milford Twp in the class of 1937. Leonard farmed one mile east and 1 3/4 mile north of Milford Twp School.

Arnold (Arnie) Munson was a graduate of Milford Twp in the class of 1942. He was a long term driver at Milford Twp and was the driver for special trips such as field trips and Sports events. He, also, was the senior driver for years who was responsible for fueling the busses, tire care, and minor repair. Arnie also was a farmer and lived one mile east and three miles north and a quarter mile east of Milford Twp School.

Carroll Finnestad was the Business Education Teacher at Milford Twp the last year of its operation.

High School Students Drive the Bus

Richard Stevenson ('47) drove a school bus for three years as a Milford Twp High School student and surely holds the record for longevity as a high school student who was a bus driver at Milford Twp.

Arnie Munson ('42) probably holds the record for driving a school bus for the Milford Twp school system. It's been estimated that he drove a bus for 9 years. He also, was the driver for nearly all the special events such as basketball games, field trips, etc and the caretaker of the busses.

And as a family, the Ward Tjelmeland family had, at different times, three brothers who drove busses. Harold (1943), Leo (1942), and Wally (1945).

The Ward Tjelmeland family was one of the largest in Milford Twp. There were ten children and nine of them attended Milford Twp. The oldest four graduated from Milford Twp and the then the family moved (1948-'49) to the Roland area when Delores was the 11th grade. She stayed with the LaVern Jacobson family to finish her 11th year and then went on to finish her senior year at Roland.

These high school student drivers had a very good record of driving while at Milford and took their responsibilities as a driver with the correct degree of concern. However, it is reported in the late forties one of the high school drivers, while admiring the beauty of one of his lady riders and attempting to flirt with her a little, put the bus in the ditch. Luckily it was close to school and the speed was low and so no one was injured and there was no damage to the bus.

Another year, when there were two students driving and two adults, one of the adult drivers, not Arnie Munson, received a ticket for a "slow and go" at a stop sign with students on board. It would be easy to speculate had one of the high school student drivers received a citation, both would probably have been fired, and that would have been the end of high school students driving the busses at Milford Township Consolidated School.

Milford youth had a real advantage in driving busses, as the skills of operating farm equipment had already been developed and the maturity to operate this equipment safely carried over into the operation of the busses.

Ol' Milford Farmer wonder if following story true: A bus driver and a preacher arrive at heaven at exactly the same time. St Peter shows them around together and gives the preacher a nice place to live, but the bus driver is rewarded with the plushest of everything. "Why, St Peter, did you reward the humble bus driver with such riches?", they want to know. "Because," St Peter replies, "the preacher had his parishioners falling asleep with those long sermons and the bus driver had all his riders earnestly praying most of the time."

Milford Twp Bus Drivers

BUS DRIVERS: Listed are known bus drivers and the years they drove. It was common to have high school seniors drive busses. (see Photos in ChapterVI)

1920 The first staff of eight bus drivers: Jessie Allen, John Ballard, J.S.Danielson, Clarence H.Dawson Jr, J.W.Gilreath, Paul C.Kliest, Harry Loucks and Howard Minkler, who also drove the first motor bus.

1922-'23: Frank Allen, Oscar Cole, James Gilreath, Chris Labeh, W.A. Larson, J.F.Jacobson, Tom Prescott, Ralph Sampson, Silas Thompson.

1924-'25: Philip Allen, Oscar Babbit, Burt Burley, Mrs Hereim, W.A.Larsen, Clay Gilreath, Gus Marlin, F.L.Shearer.

1929-'30 There were 13 bus routes. 1930's Both horse drawn and wooden truck chaises were used for school busses.

1931 Some horse driven bus drivers were Joe Alfred, Lowell Burley, Franklin Cross, Floyd Twedt.

1931-'32 There were 14 bus routes: 1-Jacob Twedt, 2-Mrs Oscar Twedt, 3-Oscar Cole, 4-Orlene Twedt, 5-Claire Sowers, 6-George Rasmusson, 7-James Wheelock, 8-Jesse Wakefield, 9-Elzen Watson, 10-Phillip Allen, 11-Jesse Allen, 12-Chris Peterson, 13-Ray Beal and 14-Walker Paulson. Information indicates this was the last year for the horse drawn equipment.

1932-'33 Again 14 bus routes: l-William Sowers, 2-Jeffrey Shold, 3-Oscar Cole, 4-Amil Twedt, 5-Rose Brodie, 6-Silas Thompson, 7-Frank Shearer, 8-Carl Christy, 9-Sam Green, 10-Mrs Marvin Smith, 11-Ross Morfey, 12-Phillip Nelson, 13-Ray Beal, and 14-Wm Sowers. This year, reportedly, is one of two that automobiles were used to transport the students to and from school.

1933-'34 Ray Beal, Rose Brodie, Carl Christy, Oscar Cole, Sam Green, Ross Morfey, Phill Nelson, Frank Shearer, Jeffery Shold, Mrs Marvin Smith I, William Sowers, Silas Thompson, Amil Twedt. Cars transported pupils to school.

1936-'37 Ray Beal, Lester Brooks, Oscar Cole, Orville Larson, Lew Morris, Howard Olinger, Earl Prescott, Amil Twedt, Floyd Twedt. These 10 bus/?/car routes, were the most in Story County that year.

1938 H.W.Borts, Earl Day, JuliaEller(Fritz), Marion Olinger, Floyd Twedt, Orlene Twedt, Elmer Watson.

1939 Edwin Brown, Gail Hein, Paul Lingren, Walter Ross, John Sawyer, Dannie Gabrielson (caretaker).

1940 Buck Allen, Myron Larsen, Orlene Twedt, _____

1941 Harlan P. Harper Jr, Kermit Molde, Arnie Munson, Marion Olinger.

1942 Harlan P. Harper Jr, Eldon Cooling, Arthur Munson, Glen Sampson.

1943 Eldon Cooling, Fred Matters, Glen Sampson, Marvin Sorensen, Leo Tjelmeland (finished Coolings route).

1944 Joe Honderd, Fred Matters, Harold Tjelmeland,____

1945 Lendell Manley, Richard Stevenson, Wally Tjelmeland, Robert Watson.

1946 Roger Harper, Lendell Manley, Richard Stevenson, Robert Watson.

1947 Joe Harper, Stanley Sorem, Richard Stevenson, Kenneth Watson.

1948 Glen Sampson, Bill Allen, Joe Honderd, Kenneth Watson.

1949 Glen Sampson, Merrill Anderson, Glen Brown, Jack Morris.

1950 Glen Sampson, Dannie Needham, Richard Sorem, John Wakefield.

1951 Glen Sampson, Emery Kuhns, Larry Roberts, John Wakefield.

1952 Glen Sampson, Rodney Hansen, Roy Hartman, Art Sorem.

1953 Arnie Munson, Junior Kuhns, Rex Needham, Dick Roberts.

1954 Arnie Munson, Marlin Jorgensen, Rex Needham, Clarion Thompson.

1955 Arnie Munson, Dave Allen, Dale Hughes, Rex Needham.

1956 Arnie Munson, Duane Brodie, Bob'Jake'Jacobson, Ed Needham.

1957 Arnie Munson, Art Borton, Bob'Jake'Jacobson, Alan Twedt.

1958 Arnie Munson, Chuck Larson, Earl Otto, Roger Thompson.

1959 Arnie Munson, Jerry Book, Wm'Bill'Jacobson, Ron Strother.

1960 Arnie Munson, Wm'Bill'Fuss, Ron Rasmusson, Larry Thompson.

1961 Arnie Munson, Carroll Finnested, Cecil Hocking, Leonard Tendell.

NOTES: 1946 Harlan H.HarperSr drove the bus until his son, Roger turned 18 in October.

Richard'Steve'Stevenson('47)drove a Milford school bus 3 years in high school,1944-'47.

Glen Sampson('43)drove a Milford school bus seven years; two in HS and five after returning from service,when he was also responsible for driving the events bus. Route sub: Bob Williams.

Arnie Munson('42)served as "Chief" Driver for nine years, (1952-'61); he also drove for the extra trips and events and was in charge of servicing the entire bus fleet. He, following his experience at Milford, drove a bus at Ames for eight years.

OTHER MILFORDITES who drove busses for other schools: Harriet Comfort('47)Witmore 15 yrs for Boone. Harriet substituted for classmate Joe Harper in 1947, She tells of driving the bus home after a basketball game in McCallsburg after the driver(not Joe) had put it in the ditch on a snowy night.

Some known staff for Milford Twp 1920-'61 and for the Milford site of the Nevada Community Middle School 1961-'91:

Dec 1924 when there was an explosion in the furnace room the Nevada paper refered to Howard Banks as the janitor and fireman.

1937-'38 Supt B.G.Halverson and the manual training class, according to Dixon Harper who was a sophomore in the class, remodeled the house on the North side of the school gounds for the Mann Family housing.

The Custodian or janitor was well respected at Milford Twp. Two of the twelve school annuals between 1949-'61 were dedicated to them; 1949 "Messenger" to 'Shorty'Johnson and 1960 "Spotlight" to Vic Pauley.

CUSTODIANS/JANITORS known list 1920-'61:
1920-'21 S.B. Curtis(1+?)
1922-'23 F.L.Shearer(1+?)
1924-'25 Howard Banks 1 yr
1925-?? Mr Twedt(1+?)
1931-'39 Gaylon'Jiggs'Mann 9 yrs
1939-'40 Guy Guge 1yr
1940-4? Ronald Good(1+?)
194?-'?? Mr Johnson(1+?)
1945-'46 Mike Dassenko 1 yr
1946-'49 Carl'Shorty'Johnson 3 yrs
1949-'50 Mr Machlan 1 yr
1950-'52 Emery Kuhns 2 yr
1952-'53 Raymond Thompson 1 yr
1953-'54 Robert Nath 1 yr
1954-'55 Albert Petrus 1 yr
1955-'61 Victor Pauley 7 yrs; continued for the Nevada Middle School(5-6th) at the Milford Twp site...

The Cooks were a very important part of the school day to each Milford Twp student. Few students ever carried a sack lunch. In the 1950 annual, "The Messenger" was dedicated to the cooks pictured on the right.

COOKS, the known list, usually 3 cooks each year:
1931-'39 Mrs Gaylon (Vivian Kimble'27) Mann, 9+yrs?
1941-'53 Mrs Lon (Emma) Williams, 12 yrs
1946-'49 Mrs Carl (Leah) Johnson, 3 yrs
1950-'53 Mrs Rex (Birdie) Needham, 3 yrs
1952-'58 Mrs Emery(LaVena) Kuhns 6 yrs
1955-'61 Mrs Vic (Hazel) Pauley 7 yrs, continued for the Nevada Middle School (5-6th) at the Milford Twp site until 1972, 17 yrs in total.
1958-'60 Mrs Henry (Gwen) Larson, later as head cook for Nevada Middle School (5-6th) at the Milford Twp site.

Ol' Milford Farmer wonder: if jog backward...do you gain weight?

Two years each:
1946-'48 Kathleine Matters ('42)
1946-'48 Dorothy Molde ('44)
1950-'52 Mrs Glen('43) (Ethyleen '43) Sampson
1953-'55 Mrs Carl (Doris) Buttery
1955-'57 Mrs Vaughn (Nan) Thompson
1957-'59 Janice Radabaugh Borton'61(Mrs Art Borton'57)

One year each +?:
Early 1940's Beulah Walston
1950 Mrs Arlene (Williams'45) Kienast and Mrs Machlan
1952 Mrs Raymond (Florence) Thompson
1954 Mrs H.H. (Rhoby) Matters
1955 Mrs Albert (Gladys) Petrus
1959 Mrs Homer (Evelyn) Thomas
1960 Carol Fay
1961 Mrs C.P.(Gladys)Thompson

1950 Cooks and Janitor

The 1950 Yearbook was Dedicated to the Cooks

Mrs Lon (Emma) Williams, third from the left, was a long time cook at Milford Twp School. She had a formula for cinnamon rolls that was unsurpassed and people who had the pleasure of eating at the school when these were served---Well, they still recall how good they were. The lady on the far left is the Arlene (Williams'45) Kienast, who is the daughter of Mrs Williams. The gentleman is Mr Machlan who was the 1949-'50 janitor/ custodian and the middle lady is his wife. Mrs Williams was married to Lon Williams and they lived many years just a half mile north of the school on the west side of the road. They were directly involved at Milford school from 1926 to 1953 as the parents of three Milford Twp students: Blanche ('38), Arlene ('45) and Robert 'Bob' ('50) and until Emma retired as head cook in 1953. The 1950 Annual "The Messenger" was dedicated to the Cooks.

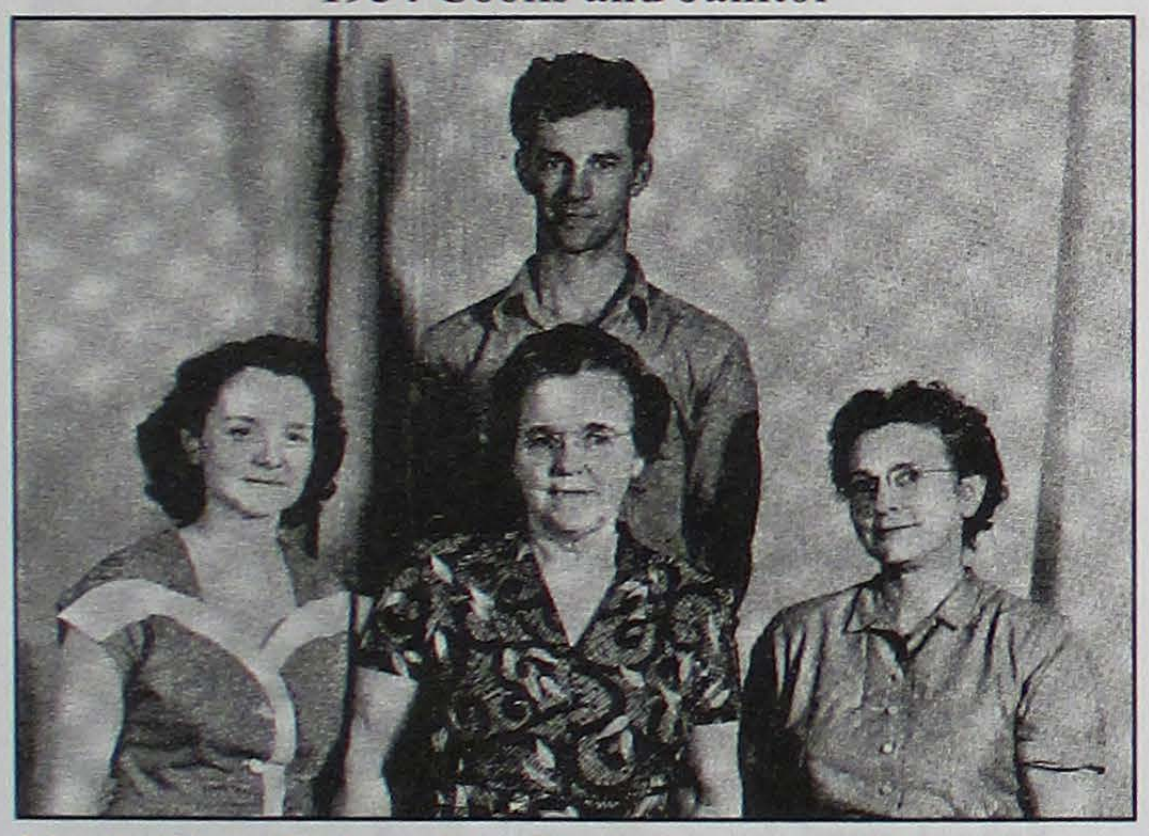
1952 Cooks and Janitor

Above: Left to right: Emma Williams, Birdie Needham, Ethyleen Sampson (Glen '43) and Emory Kuhns

1953 Cooks

L to R: Mrs La Vena Kuhns, Mrs Emma Williams, Mrs Birdie (Rex) Needham. (Mom of Dan '56, and Ed '56)

1954 Cooks and Janitor



Mrs LaVena Kuhns, Mrs Doris Buttry, and Mrs Rhoby Matters and Janitor, Mr Robert "Bob" Nath.

1955 Cooks

Mrs Emory (Lovena) Kuhns, Mrs Albert (Gladys)Petrus, and Mrs Doris Buttry. Mrs Kuhn was the Mother of Jr '53 and Phil '62. Mrs Petrus was the Mother of three Milford lads, Forest '54, Dale '61, and Gary '64.

1956 and 1957 Cooks

Mrs Lavena (Emory) Kuhns, Mrs Hazel (Vic) Pauley and Mrs Vaughn Thompson. Mrs Thompson was the Mother of Lou, Dick '53, Margaret '54, and Bill '57.

1958 Cooks

Mrs LaVena (Emory) Kuhns, Miss Janice Radabaugh '61, Mrs Hazel (Vic) Pauley.

Ol' Milford Farmer say, "Clean white shirt attracts every bit of gravy on the table."

Ol' Milford farmer have scary thought: Half drivers on road below average driver.

Ol' Milford farmer also notice: the sooner you fall behind, the more time you have to catch up.

1959 Cooks

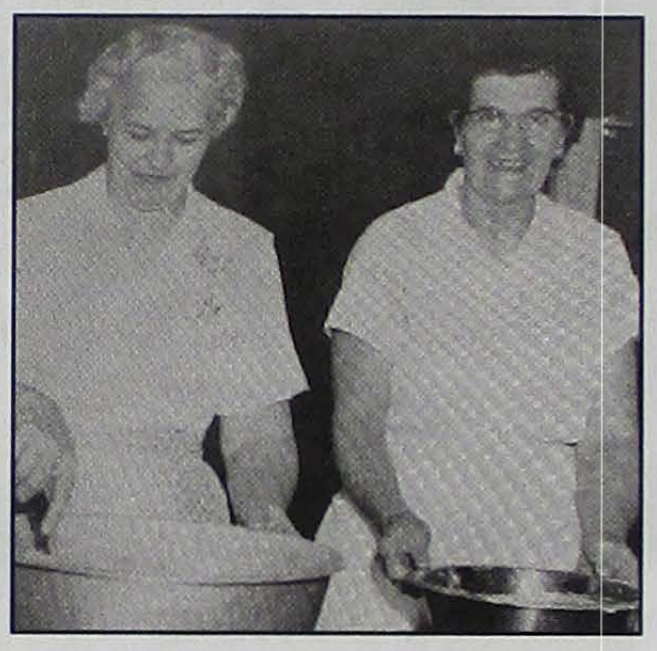
Mrs Henry Larson, Mrs Vic (Hazel) Pauley, Miss Janice Radabaugh

1960 Cooks

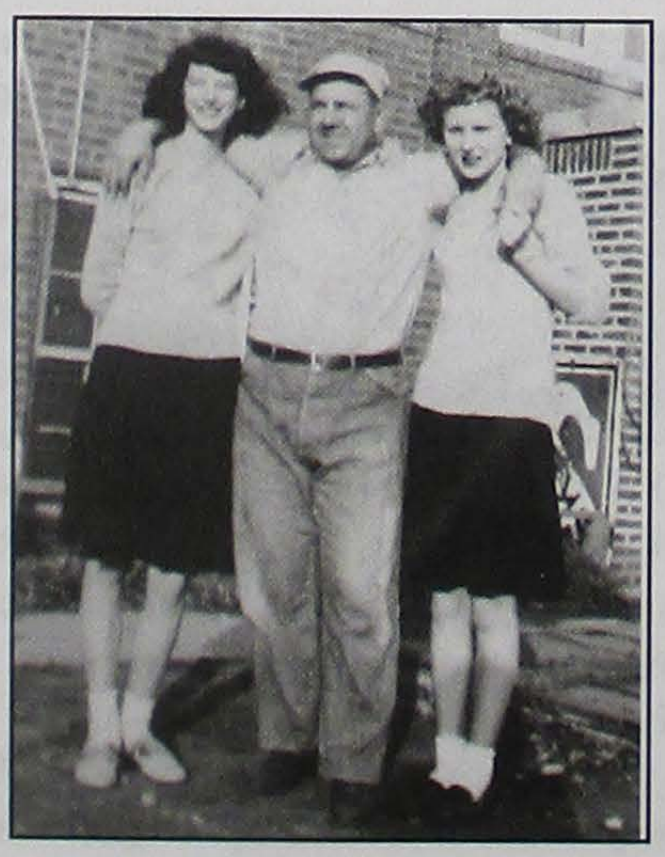
Right:
Mrs (Homer) Evelyn Thomas, Mrs (Vic) Hazel Pauley, Carol Frey.
Note the organization of the food and there's a $.19 loaf of bread on the counter. In 2009 the lowest price is about $1.20.

1961 Cooks:

Right: Mrs (C.P.) Gladys Thompson, Mrs (Vic) Hazel Pauley. Were there only two cooks this year or did the High School girls help? No record was found to indicate why the School went to only two ladies in the kitchen. Mrs Thompson was the Mother of Richard '59, Larry '60, and Karen '64.



Hazel's family is on page 213.



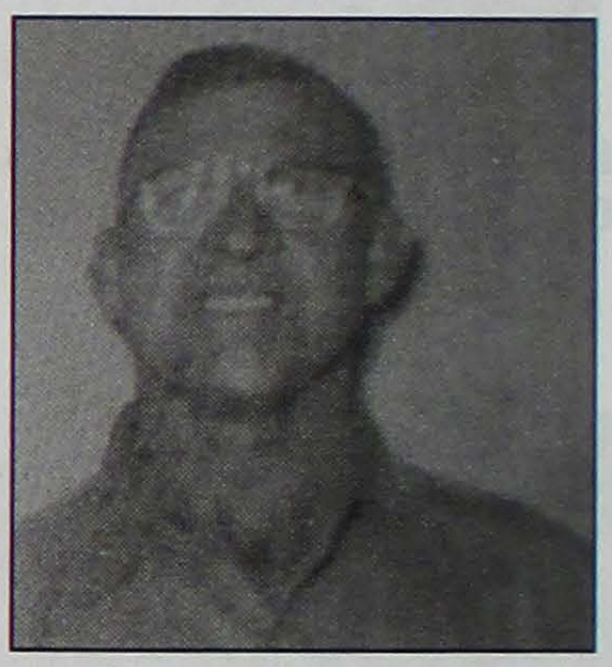
Left: Janitor Carl "Shorty" Johnson with a couple of the highschool senior girls, Harriet Comfort, left, and Lola Mae Tjelmeland, Class of '47. The 1949 annual was dedicated to him. "Shorty" Johnson later became the Fire Chief in Nevada for many years.

Additional Janitors

Right:Ray Thompson, Janitor from 1952-'53 smiles for the camera in this Fall 1953 shot. Dad of Jimmie '57, Roger '58, LaVerne '65 and Linda.

Left: Mr Petrus, Janitor and pix from 1955. Father of Forest '54, Dale '61, and Gary '64.

Right: Vic Pauley started as janitor in 1955 and was janitor when Milford High School closed in 1961. The 1960 annual, "The Spotlight", was dedicated to him.
See page 213.



Right: Gaylon Mann was the janitor at Milford for nine years from 1931-'39. He lived in the house north of the School as the house east of the School was not moved onto the grounds until 1946. Gaylon had a son who was run over in the School yard by a student's car in 1931. Some details on page 74.

Milford Twp Graduates 1927-1961

Alphabetical listing on pages 308-309

Grad #=Boys & Girls (350 grads; 194 Boys & 156 girls)

<------Grad----------> <------Spouse---------->

1927 10= 5B & 5G

Supt A.J. Mickelson	Prin Edith Myers
George Allen	Bernice Vilmont
Ray J.Danielson#	Vera Eubank '27
Vera Eubank	Ray J.Danielson '27
Clyta Graham	Ernest Hinderks
George Hansen	Irene McClellean
John Hereim	single
Vivian Kimble	Gaylon Mann /S
Wilma Moore	Tom Erickson
Margaret Twedt	_____ Heiden
Huber Wilson	_____ _____

1928 10= 3B & 7G

Supt A.J. Mickelson	Prin Edith Myers
Arlet Christian	Kenneth Smith /fs
Olive Christian	Jeff Borwick/fs
Theresa Donaldson	Franis Lynch
Bernice Howland	Ruth _____
Bernita Howland	Howard Ostrander
Leota Lee	John Latham/fs
Marie McCaffrey	Elwood/Frey?
Millard McCoy	_____ _____
Wayne Slocum	_____ _____
Jeanette Sowers	Frank Peikert

1929 9= 3B & 6G

Supt G.W. Weyrauch	Prin Edith Myers
Co Supt Kellogg, after	G.W.'s death
Ethel Burley	Floyd Davis
Virgil Burley	_____ _____
Viola Danielson**	Marion Gilreath '29
Virginia Donaldson	1)____ Lee /fs D
	2)Clancy Rielly
Ruth Durby#*	Victor Duea /fs
Marion Gilreath	Viola Danielson '29
Helen McCaffrey	Ben _____
Kimble Peterson	Gladys _____
Emarine Sloan	_____ _____
xDorothy Day	_____ Otto

1930 13= 2B & 11G

Supt Wayne Pratt	Prin Edith Myers
Ruby E.Christian	Dr Aloio Freeman
Lois Cooke	Henry Uhr
Genevieve Curtis	single
Marie Donaldson	Fred Heintz
Jean Frey#	Virgil Lee /fs
Gladys Hansen	John Hattery,Atty
Robert Harlow	Lois Chitty
Margaret A.Hereim	Willard M. Gilreath /fs
Anna Hovland	Erling Shold
Dorothea E.Kimble	Ashea 'Ace' White
Thelma Peterson	Axel Nelson
Elizabeth Skeers	Haaken'Hack'Horness /fs
T. Eugene Thornton	Marguerite Rahe
xCorrine Lymon	Glen E. Gabrielson
xMyrtle R.Rasmusson	Clarence Sampson /fs

1931 7= 3B & 4G

Supt Ralph Morgan	Prin Evelyn Walker
John Allen	_____ Johnson
Louise Hovland	Harvey Tungesvick
Edith Jacobson	_____ Vaught
Reva Rhodes	single
Dorothy Sowers	Vere Bielefeldt
Orlene Twedt	Lillian Thompson
Timothy Wheelock	Marjorie Hansen /fs
xJoseph A.Curtis	Edna _____
xBernice M.Durby	Martin T. Caltvedt

1932 17= 8B & 9G

Supt Ralph Morgan	Prin Evelyn Walker
Joe A.Alfred	Mabel L.Hansen '32
Max Arrasmith	1)Pauline Lemon
	2)Betty M.Johnson Cox
Rosalma Brodie	Roy Hansen /fs
Lester Brooks	Margaret E.Baker
Lowell Burley	_____ _____
Franklin Crouse	Doris Sorensen /fs
Doris Frey*	Ralph Brodie /fs
Adeline Gilreath	1)Edward Field
	2)Edward Ware
Mabel L.Hansen	Joe A.Alfred '32
Caroll W.Louks	Maxine Hoel
Sylvia A.Paulsen#*	Lowell Holbert
Agnes K.Peterson	Loren Vieth
Jeffrey H.Rasmusson	Edith Hansen
Vera A.Stevenson	Tom Tarman
Mildred E.Streeter	_____ _____
Sylvia B.Thompson	Bill Lock
Floyd J.Twedt	Grace Tendall '35
xEd McCaffrey	Rena Olan

1933 10= 4B & 6G

Supt Ralph Morgan	Prin Evelyn Walker
Erwin Alfred	Mabel Lewis
Geneive Brooks	Harold Myrland
Otis A.Cole	Vivian L.Buchanan
Alvina Dueland	Howard Mosebach
Mary Eubank	Prof Al Nelson
Jeffrey Jacobson	Mabel Bergland
Ada Lee	Dr Henry'Hank'Mott
Doris Sorensen	_____ Christiansen

Mary Jane Sorensen	Clayde Koph
Amil Twedt	Sylvia Wierson

1934 11= 5B & 6G

Supt Ralph Morgan	Prin Arlet Christian '28 Smith
Robert Alfred	Eide Solivig
Mary Allen	Homer Vilmont
Virginia Brooks	LaVerne Jacobson'35
Esther Burley	Forest Groomes
Argyle Cole	Virginia _____
Genevieve Donaldson	Eugene Cook
Gladys Earwicker	Allie Torgerson
Lucile Emily Larson#	Randall Hoskins
Marion Olinger	Fern _____
Ray Watson	1) Jeannette Johnson dv
	2) Alice Keese
Dannie Wheelock	_____ _____

1935 16= 6B & 10G

Supt C.B.Johnson	Prin Arlet Christian '28 Smith
Boyd A.Arrasmith	single
Palma M.Durby	John Beaty
Esther L.Ersland	Paul Englehardt
Dwight Fausch	1)Joy _____ D
	2)Hilda Deal Hawthorn
Marjorie Frey	Wendell Strother
Cordelia Gilreath	Floyd Peterson /fs
Esther Hovland	Lester Olson
Ardis B.Jacobson	single
LaVerne Jacobson	Virginia Brooks'34
Arlene B.Langland	George Stewart
Myron W.Larsen	Ruth L.Hauser /T 1938/'41
Robert H.Lawson	single
Lucille D.Prescott	1)_____ Hale D
	2)Harlan Hopper/fs
Florence A.Rasmusson	Harold Austreheim
Grace O.Tendall	Floyd Twedt '32
Elmer Watson	Luella Campbell

1936 13= 10B& 3G

Supt B.G.Halverson	Prin: None
Fay Beal	single male
Virgil P.Brooks	Maxine E.Cooper '37
Joseph Burley	single
Walter Dale	Darlene Sampson /fs
John Edward'Ed'Eller	1)Helen Twedt '38 D
	2)Esther Reise
Mary Hopper	Vere Lawler
Marvin Jacobson	Alma _____
Earl Lee	Bertha _____
Betty McCord#	1)Laverne Sorensen'36 D'43
	2)Laverne McDonald

Frances Rasmusson	1)Hank Vasey D
	2)Bill Vasey /fs
Lester'Les'Shickell	Ruth Gildersleeve
Laverne Sorensen	Betty McCord '36
Donald Starbuck	Gladys _____
xLeonard Dueland,	Bernidene Higgs
x'Bud' Gilreath	_____ _____
xEd Lodestein	_____ _____
xHenry Peterson	_____ _____

(The class had all boys -11- for their 8th grade)

1937 10= 7B & 3G

Supt B.G.Halverson	Prin: None
Harvey Beal	_____ Oxley
Maxine Cooper	Virgil Brooks'36
Fred'Fritz'Eller	Betty Berhow
Lester Molde	Edithe Christman
Edward Sorensen	Detcy Brady
Richard Sorensen	Ellen Dwight
Katherine A.Tendall	Lester Hemer
Leonard Tendall	Marion C.Davis
Dorothy Tesdal	_____ _____
Clifford Thompson	Lucille'Lucy' _____
xStanley Ball	Dorothy Farmi
xBob Wheelock	_____ _____

1938 15= 5B & 10G

Supt B.G.Halverson	Prin: None
Mervin Brooks	Virginia J.Heitkamp
Frances Christian	Dr Borg Holen
Ruby Danielson	Clyde Smith Jr/fs
Rhoda Grimsley	Nolan Grubb
Weldon Kingsbury	Mavis Cunningham
Mona Lee	Lloyd Dickersen
James Matters	_____ _____
Lucille F.Menzel	Duncan H.Irish
Margaret Nelson	single
Wayne Olinger	Helen W.Engels
Grace Rasmusson	Curtis Jacobson '40
William L.Sharpe	Carole J._____
Helen Twedt	J.Edward'Ed'Eller '36
Velda Wakefield	Orville Oliver
Blanche Williams	Max Cook

1939 6= 4B & 2G

Supt B.G.Halverson	Prin: None
Ben Durby	Lois Sevde Stone
Grace Molde	James Helland
Walter Jacobson	Marlys Kratz /T 1949/'51
James McCord#*	Marilyn Solem
Inez T.Sampson	Edward Rudny
Raymond Sorensen	Sally Hansen '43
xJack Alfred	Myrna Carlson

1940 15= 12 B & 3G

Supt B.G.Halverson
Betty Arneson
Donald'Jack'Borts
LaVern Brooks
Robert Cooper
Margaret Edgerton
Dixon L.Harper
(at 83 yrs)
Curtis Jacobson
Leonard Jones
Edward Larsen
Mary Olinger#
George Peterson
Donald Rasmusson
Charles Sorensen
Kermit Sorensen
Donald Wakefield

Prin: None
Donald Hanson
Ilo _____
Dorris E.Price
Maxine Swenson
_____ Gerness
1) Shirley Thevenin (58Yrs)D
2) Harriet Iverson Nisson
Grace Rasmusson '38
_____ _____
Vada Marcy
Bill Frisbie
single/Killed 1944 in Army
Doris Classon
Charlotte Johnson
Gerri Heibner
Frances Kroger

1941 11= 5B & 6G

Supt B.G.Halverson
Doris Bailey
Delores Borts
Alyce Burley
Stanley Egland

Ardyce Grimsley
Harlan Harper Jr
Forest'Pete'Jones
Kermit Molde
Ruby Nassen
Arnold J.Nelson
Ione Sampson
xWm'Bill'J.Brekke
xMarvin Smith II

Prin: None
Ralph Bayer
Rubin Peterson/fs
_____ Ververs
1) Janice Leeper D'55
2) Joan Hill Pratty
John Peterson/fs
Myrtle Nassen '42
_____ _____
JoAnn Durby/cf
Rev Leon Triggs
Margaret'Peg'Short
Elwood French
Lorraine Miller
Delores Martin

1942 11= 6B & 5G

Supt B.G.Halverson
Evelyn Anderson

Bill Christy
Richard Comfort
Doris Jacobson
Julius "Jude" Johnson
Kathline Matters
Arnold Munson
Myrtle Nassen*
Leo Tjelmeland
Guy "Jr" Wakefield
Beulah Walston

Prin: None
1) Clifford AdamsD
2)Tom LangeD
Julie G.Solyst
Trilla Hunter
Jess Helland
Juanita Allen x'43
Paul Nott
Wilma Hartman
Harlan Harper Jr '41
Sally Banks
Lula Thompson/fs
John Sharp /fs

1943 10= 6B & 4G

Supt B.G.Halverson
Glen Egland#
Don Halverson
Sally Hansen
Dorothy Ann Harper
Earl Johnson
Darlene Morris
Ed.'Glen'Sampson
Jeanne P.Stratton

Raymond Tendall
Harold Tjelmeland
xKathryn Day
xRobert Ersland

Prin: None
June Michaelson
Mary Keister
Raymond Sorensen'39
Rev. Charles Likely
Kay Hand
Luther "Luke" Beach
Ethyleen Johnson /cf
1)Loyd J.Miller D
2)Richard Painter
Norma Kirby
Helen Vickers
_____ _____
Ila Dolph

1944 12= 8B & 4G

Supt B.G.Halverson
Gordon B.Bivens#*
Betty Jean Burley

Carl L.Buttry
Russell M.Clark
Raymond Crowe
Curtis E.Grimsley
Merril R.Johnson
Fred J.Matters
Dorothy Mae Molde
Mary Alice Maxwell
Marie G.Nassen*

Marvin L.Sorensen
xCarroll Arneson
xDorothy Bailey
xHoward M.Johnson

xRussell E.Morfey
xMarilyn Smith

Prin: None
Muriel Collier
1)Cecil Henderson
2)Glen Pfantz dv
Doris Hansen
Dorothy"Mickey"Bailey x'44
Helen _____
Ruth Frieth
_____ _____
Lorine Rosewell
Harlan Kreutner
_____ _____
1)Lester Briker
2)Mac McClain D
single
Deloris Tjernagel
Russell M. Clark '44
1)Pearl Abramson D
2)Loretta Shaver
single
Ray Lounsberry

1945 8= 3B & 5G

Supt B.G.Halverson
Isabelle Brooks
Clayton Clifford*
Madeline Huschka
Katherine Olinger
Lois J.Sorenson
Wallace Tjelmeland
Wesley Warren
Arlene Williams

Prin: None
Donald Hillis
Martha Wirtz
Ben _____
single
Juell Sandvold
Norma Smith
Ruth Miller
2)_____Strassburger
1)_____Kienast dv

1946 11= 5B & 6G

Supt William Swim	Prin: None
Patty Allen	Loren Britson
Ila Bailey#**	Glen Nerness
Shirley Gardner *	Milo Bylund
Barbara Hansen	Ray Bartlet
Roger Harper	Shirley M.Neeld
George'Lendell'Manley	Elizabeth Moreland
Margaret Matters	Richard Stumbo
Donald Morfey	Waunita'Wanda'Kirby
Loren Rierson	Kay Carsrud
Mavis Warren	Blanchard'Noel'Nelson
Robert Watson	so)Dee Munsey
	1)Lucille Clouser
xLola Arneson	Richard Bergeson
xMarguerite Halverson	Bob Werner
xLoren Sampson	Arlene Erickson

1947 9= 6B & 3/G

Supt William Swim	Prin: None
Millard Anderson	Carol Darby
Harriet Comfort	Chester Whitmore
Richard Couser	Bertha'JoAnn'Anderson
Joe Harper	Phyllis Robinson /T-1949-'51
Stanley Sorem #**	Martha Weeks
Richard Stevenson	l)Barbara Johnson dv
	2)Sally _____
Dorothy Tendall	Wendell Williams
Lola Tjelmeland	Marley Anderson
Kenneth Watson *	Phyllis Gardner '48

1948 7= 2B & 5G

Supt Wm'Bill'Swim	Prin: None
Bill Allen#	LaDonna Webb
Phyllis Gardner *	Kenneth Watson '47
Marie Latham	Ronald Gardner /fs
Wanda Rierson	Les Kephart
Joan Sorensen	Wm Bill Cody
Gloria Warren	James Grant
Richard Warren**	Shirley West
xMarjorie Allen	_____ _____
xDorothy Murrow	Robert Gulling
xHarlan Nassen	Audrey Jacobson

1949 4= All boys

Supt H.H.Harnack	Prin: None
Merrill Anderson	_____ _____
Glen Brown *	Lois A Larson x'51
Charles Horness	1) June Reynolds D
	2)Deloris Renzi D
Jack Morris #	Jimmie Spearman
xLowell Harper	Marcia Barnard
xRose Larson	_____ _____
xDoris Moser	Ronald'Dean'Olson

1950 9= 4B & 5G

Supt Larry Baldus	Prin Kathryn Boyd Larson
Joan Cooper	Kermit Lenning
LeRoy Gardner**	Mary Jane _____
Rhoda Honderd	Edward Nerem
Alyce Matters	Paul Jensen
Eugene Mortvedt	Kay Turner
Dan Needham	_____ _____
Richard Sorem#*	Shirley Hobgood
Jaunita Warren	John Behm
Lois Warren	Richard Logan
xJane Allen	_____ McCoy
xDorothy Olson	James'Jim'Christy
xMary Rierson	_____Amick
xDean Safly	Lorraine _____

1951 7= 6B & 1G

Supt Larry Baldus	Prin Wilma Haines
Marvin'Dean'Crowe	Joyce McDuffie
Jerry Jacobson	_____ _____
Robert Latham	_____ _____
Patsy Jane Manley	Frank Smith
Larry Roberts	1) Frances Robertson D '85.
	2) Barbara _____
John Wakefield#	Anne Allen'52
Robert'Bob'Williams	Regina Hall
xFranklin Egland	Barbara Hayes
xMary Lou Harper	Rev Gene A. Lackore

1952 7= 3B & 4G

Supt Larry Baldus	Prin: None
Anne Allen	John Wakefield'51
Florine Mae Borton**	Merrill D.Smalley, Atty
Alice Grindem*	Dr Gerald Petersen/T-1951-'52
Rodney Hansen	1) Helen _____ dv
	2) Sue Peterson Pierce
Roy Hartman	Jackie _____
Arthur'Art'Sorem#	Delores'Dee'Macaskill
Donna Rae Steward	Martin Jacobs
xNorma Jean Gardner	Howard Jacobsen
xLoren Olson	single
xBonny Rierson	2)Jim Schoolmeester
	1)Merle Hansen D
xWayne Tjelmeland	Mary Ann Twedt

1953 6= 4B & 2G

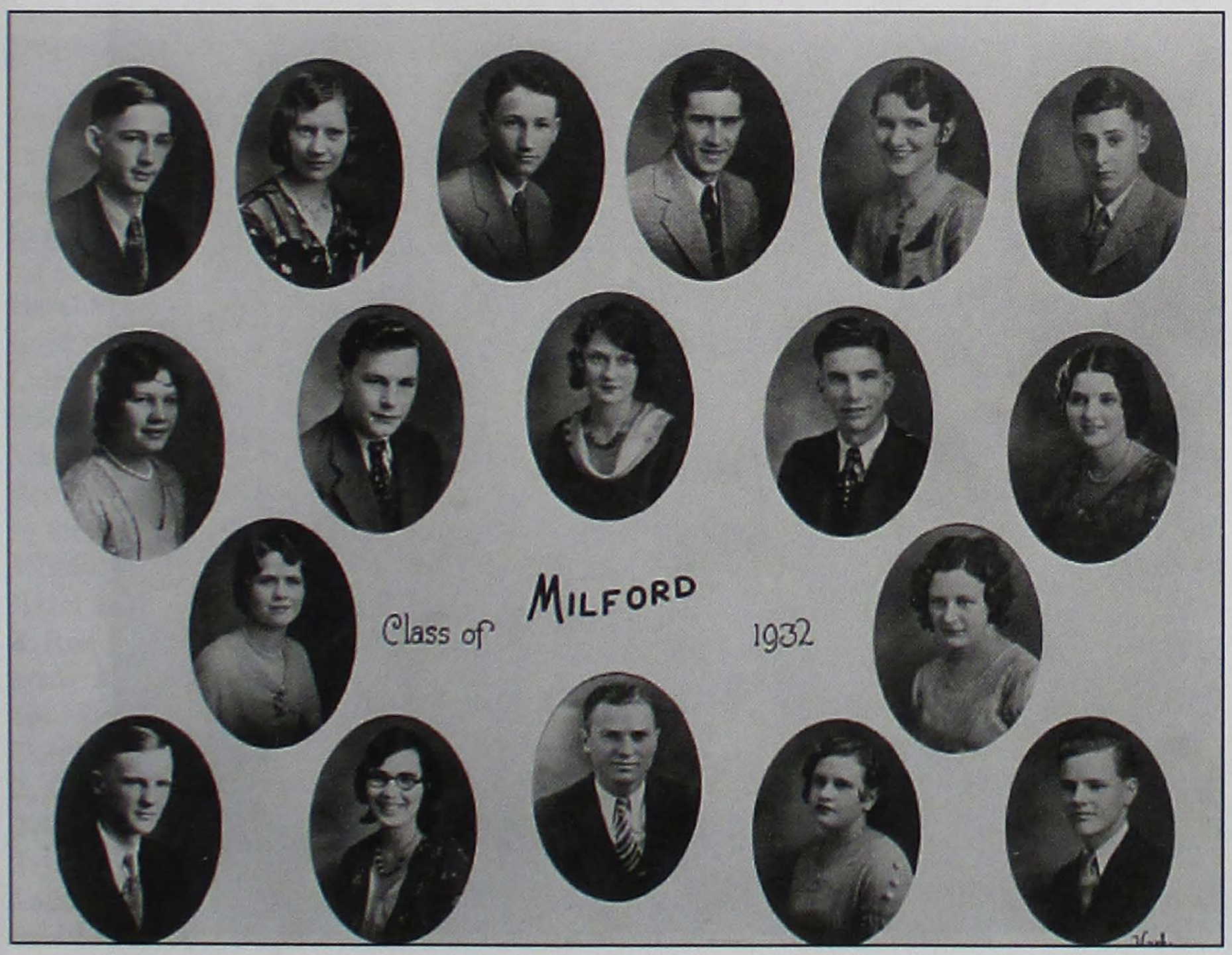
Supt Erving J.Hauswirth	Prin Earl H. Brott
Norman Hauswirth	_____ _____
Helen Horness*	Frank Uballe
Marlene Jacobson	_____ Ball
Junior Kuhns	Margaret Thompson'54
Richard'Dick'Roberts**	2) Barbara Hutt
	1) Alice Hansen'55 D'75
Dick Thompson	Mary Kemmer /fs
xJames Olson	single

1927-- Milford's *First* Graduation Class

Top: Huber Wilson, John Hereim, Wilma Moore, Vera Eubank. Middle Row: Margaret Twedt, Supt A. J. Michelson, Vivian Kimble. Front Row: Clyta Graham, George Allen, George Hansen, Ray Danielson.

Additional graduation pictures start on page 292.

1932-- Milford's *Largest* Graduating Class



Top: Lester Brooks, Rosalma Brodie, Max Arrasmith, Lowell Burley, Mabel Hansen, Caroll Louks. Middle Row: Sylvia Paulsen, Frank Crouse, Adeline Gilreath, Joe Alfred, Doris Frey. Third Row: Agnes Peterson, Vera Stevenson. Fourth Row: Floyd Twedt, Mildred Streeter, Supt Ralph Morgan, Sylvia Thompson, Jeff Rasmusson.

This group was the first class to enter the first grade when the consolidation was begun at the Sec 15 site.

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1949 Graduates. Milford's *Smallest* Graduating Class

Left to Right: Jack Morris, Charles Horness, Merrill Anderson, Glen Brown. Not Pictured: Supt H. H. Harnack.

1961 Milford's *Last* Graduating Class

Top: Steven Jacobson, Dick Coy, Supt C. P. Thompson, Dixie Thomas. Bottom: John Grindem, Dale Petrus, Ronald Sorem, Janice Radabaugh Borton.

1954 10= 6B & 4G

Supt Erving J.Hauswirth	Prin Harlan Metcalf
Doradene Brodie	Clarion Thompson'54
Marlin Jorgensen	1) Sanya _____
	2) Joy Becker Choat dv
Hugh'Fritz'Morris	Phyllis Wilson
Fred Neasham	Patricia _____
Forrest Petrus	Barbara Thomas
Arlene Steward	Gerald Hertz
Raymond Thomas	Barbara Valline
Clarion Thompson#	Doradene Brodie'54
Margaret Thompson	Junior Kuhns'53
Ruth Warren	Curtis Paulson
xKarel Harper	Dr. Jerry Hedrick

1955 7= 2B & 4G

Supt Keith D.Hopkins	Prin Ev Cochrane
David Allen	so)Doris Bennett
	2)Francine Scudder dv
	1)_____ _____
Alice Marie Hansen **	Richard Roberts'53
Elizabeth Haugland	Forrest Buck
Dale Servigna Hughes	Sharon Rood dv
Shirley Marie Molde#	Joe Jensen dv
Georgia MarieRoberts*	Richard'Dick'Pierson
Donna Marie Sorem	Wm 'Bill' Woods
xGary Tjelmeland	Janet _____

1956 11= 8 B & 3 G

Supt Keith D.Hopkins	Prin Ev Cochrane
Jack Allen	1)_____ _____ dv
	2)_____ _____
JurineMaurieBorton#	Franklin R. Moore dv
Duane Brodie	Barbara Sorem'57
Wilbert Hadley	Joyce Hornbacker
Irene Hodgson	2)Wm'Bill'Howard
	1)Don Pierce dv
Hazel Horness	James Jessen dv
Loyd Hughes	Loretta'Lori'Hoberland
Larry Miller*	Shirley Keely
Edwin Needham	Lil _____
Vernon Olson**	Sandra Mortvedt'57
Ronald'Ron'Otto	Sandra Stahlman

In the fall of 1943, the Class of 1956 started first grade at Milford Twp with 13 students, including: Duane, Wilbert, Hazel and Loyd, others graduates joined later- Ed 2; Jurine & Ron both 3rd; Larry 7, Jack 8, Vernon 9, & Irene 10th grade. A total of 27 students experienced education together, the others and their grade level/s were: Janice Alfred 1st; Doretta Blaney 1st; Wilma Breer 4-7; Ronald Breezley 1-2; Glen Chamberlain 1st; Max Christian 1-3; Larry Crum 2-4; Karen Danielson 1st,{ M Bob Jensen}; Galen French 3-4; Earl Jones Airhart 7-8[D3/07]; Alice Knutson 1-7; Joan Latham 1-7,{___Allard D}; Shirley Meyer 9-11{Loren Hovland M6/17/56}; Edgar Musser 2-3; Richard Neasham1-2; Shirley Pauley 6-8,{1)Clyde Ball dv, 2)John Krahacker D, 3)Leon Ishmael}.

1957 12= 8B & 4G

Supt Keith D.Hopkins	Prin Lou Schrader
Neil Archer	Carol _____
Arthur'Art'Borton	2)Donna Cummins
	1)Janice Radabaugh'61 D'69
Peter Hadley	Suzanne Buchanan
Norman Honderd	Fran Jelinek
Robert Jacobson	Sharon Eitmann
Judith Jorgensen	3)Orlene Egeland
	2)John Charlier D
	1)Richard Sowers dv
Marlene Morfey#**	Dave Carleton
Sandra Mortvedt*	Vernon Olson '56
Barbara Sorem	Duane Brodie '56
Jimmie Thompson	Nancy Freel
Wm.'Bill' Thompson	Judy LeClair
Alan Twedt	Myrna Mulleneaux
xRobert Baldus	Jane Ryan
xJerry Baldus	Kay Barnes
xRichard'Dick'Neasham	Susan _____
xBarbara Swim	Bill Brousard
xJoel Tjelmeland	_____ _____

1958 10= 4 B & 6G

Supt C.P.Thompson	Prin Lou Schrader
Eddie Allen	Sandra'Sandi'Nelson x'59
Shirley Groomes#**	Vernon Bauge
Patricia Haugland	2) Don Cirksena dv
	1) James "Larry" Sweeney dv
Marcia Jacobson	Carlos Lovetinsk
Charles Larson	2)Mary _____
	1)Sharyl Buchanan'59 dv
Earl Otto	Doris Pauley '58
Doris Pauley	Earl Otto '58
Janet Rasmusson*	Dennis Larson
Rita Thomas**	Prof John Gonser
Roger Thompson	1)_____ _____ dv
	2)Cindy _____

1959 11= 5 B & 6G

Supt C.P.Thompson	Prin Rodger Pitstick
David Bhend*	Patricia _____
Richard Thompson	Carole Kelly
William C. Jacobson	Mary Jane McCall
Ronald C. Strother	Bobbi Ramsey
Jerry Book	Doris Herington
Julie Anne Cox#	2)Don Todd
	1)Jack Peterson
Norene MurielHughes**	Bob Thieme dv
Nadine Safly	Bob Christianson
Geraldine Fitzgerald	Earl Dobbe
Connie Peterson	Steve Safly dv

Sharyl Ann Buchanan	Charles Larson'58 dv
xSandra'Sandi'Nelson	Eddie Allen '58
xJohn Shold	Joan Egertsen
xDixie Louks	2) Roger Honold
	1) Bill Fink D

1960 9= 5B & 4G

Supt C.P.Thompson	Prin Johanne Finch
Douglas Brooks#**	Marlys Groomes
William Fuss	1)Odessa Pratty
	2) Kathryn Hey
Gwendolyn Jacobson	Max Lowe
Betty Otto	Norman Huntrods
Ronald Pauly	Mary Olinger /fs/'62
Ronald Rasmusson	Wanda Strum dv
Janet Simonsen	2)_____ Robey dv
Janet Sorensen	John Schneider
Larry Thompson*	Connie _____
xJanet Hansen	Robert Collins
xLinda Louks	_____ _____

1961 7= 5 B & 2G

Supt C.P.Thompson	Prin Johanne Finch
Janice Radabaugh Borton	Art Borton'57
Dick Coy	Camilla _____
John Grindem	Dixie Thomas '61
Steven Jacobson*	Bonnie _____
Dale Petrus#	Susan Fuhrman
Ronald Sorem	Sherianne Weave
Dixie Thomas**	John Grindem '61

#Senior Class President B=boys
*Valedictorian G=girls
**Salutatorian
x= Attended but did not graduate with class.
D= with year of death
Atty=Attorney
Prof=Professor
Rev=Reverend
dv=divorced
so= significant other

Milford Marriages identified in the graduation list:
Married Classmate= behind name is the year of graduation.
/fs= married a family sibling of a Milfordite
/T= married a teacher and yrs taught at Milford Twp
/cf= married a church friend
/S= married a staff member at Milford Twp.

More Milford Marriages:

Arvid Lein /T1930-'34	**Rena Mauch /T 1931-'33**
Phil Allen'22	**Mary McCall T 1954-'61**
Gene Roberts'62	**Kathy Watson'62**
Bruce Strothers '62	**Karen Thompson '64**
Gary Stratton'62 /fs	**Maxine Horness '62**
Barbara Jacobson'66	**Joe Toot '66**

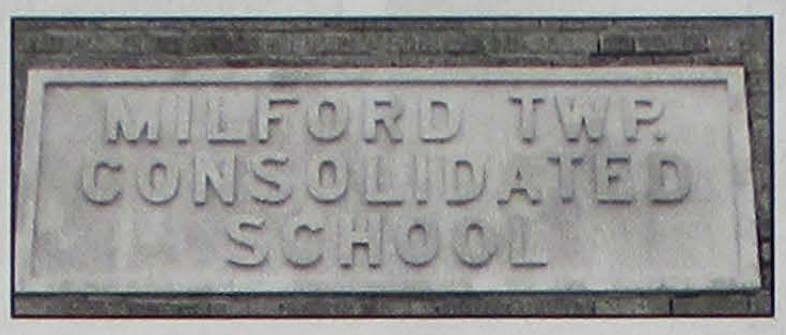
1953 Christmas at Milford School

For the Christmas of 1953 a large tree sat in the SE corner of the Assembly Room. Apparently the ceiling lights that are visible here had just been put in place. That's Supt Hauswirth on the left, with Mrs Sandell, Coach Cochrane, Mr Metcalf, and Mr Shaw playing the part as Santa's helpers.

1953: Mrs Jessie Petersen and her husband, Sophus at the Christmas tree in their home in Ames.

Milford had 350 graduates in 35 Graduating Classes from 1927 to 1961, exactly an average of 10 per class. Over fifty four marriages have been recorded among the Alumni of Milford School and, unbeleivably, only one divorce. Of all the graduates, there was not a "Smith" although there were students with that name.

CHAPTER VI



Some of Milford's People

Gold Star Men
The Grove Brothers, George 1862 and Jacob 1863

The Grove Brothers were residents of the Pleasant Grove area (They lived in Sec 14 of Franklin Twp- just a long mile from Milford Twp) and were both killed in the War and were memorialized by a cenotaph in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery. This monument has not been found and no one can recall its ever being at Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

George W. Grove, two years older than his brother Jacob Grove, was a casualty (died in service) of the War Between the States and was memorialized at Pleasant Grove Cemetery. George Grove was in Co.E of the 3rd Iowa Infantry. He had joined the war effort early and was killed on the 8th of Jan 1862. We have record of his being buried at St. Louis, Mo, however, currently, no record can be found for either brother indicating when his remains, if ever, were moved to Pleasant Grove.

Jacob, the younger brother, was a private in Company A of the 23rd Iowa Infantry. When his older brother, George was killed in very early 1862, Jacob wanted to "take his brother's place" in the war effort and he enlisted on 4 August 1862. Jacob was wounded at the Battle of Black River, Mississippi, on the 17th of May in 1863. The shot went through the right knee. After his leg had been amputated, he was being taken to Milliken's Bend, Louisiana and while in route the ambulance overturned and tumbled down a 30 foot embankment and he was further injured. He was taken aboard the hospital ship "Hood" where he died at age 21 on the 9th of June 1863.

The "Battle of Black River" was just to the east, about 15 miles, of Vicksburg, Mississippi, with a little over 250 Union casualties.

Milliken's Bend is across the Mississippi River from Vicksburg and upstream a few miles. The Vicksburg Campaign ended in early July of 1863 with the Confederates surrendering.

Records are sparse showing where internment was for the brothers from the time of death until the Pleasant Grove Cemetery was established in 1877(?) although George was originally buried at St. Louis.

As a footnote to this sad episode, there is a note that the father, A.L. Grove died insane in 1869 and it's easy to imagine that the grief of losing his two oldest boys in that conflict contributed to his mental state. He was the father of six- two other sons and two daughters.

Apparently there had been, by 1882, a memorial within the Pleasant Grove Cemetery to the two soldiers and a stone for the father. However, in 2006, there was no marker found with the "Grove" name on it.

Gold Star Man
1943 Lt. Laverne Sorensen

Lt. Laverne R. "Bud" Sorensen '36 was killed in mid-August 1943 near Ellsworth, Kansas, while stationed at Smoky Hill AAF Base southwest of Salina, Kansas. He was on a routine training flight as a crew member in a B-24E bomber. The crew he was with was not his regular crew but apparently he and another fellow had filled in for two other fellows so this particular other crew could have a full complement of 10 people for their bomber mission training.

The plane was on its fifth or sixth flight of the day and previous crews had written the plane up for the fuel tank selection switch as not indicating
the proper settings. On one of the previous flights the plane had landed with one engine "feathered". These incidents, however, did not ground the plane for the day.

Lt. Laverne Sorensen
Graduation Picture 1936

Lt Sorensen's flight had completed their bombing mission at 22,000 feet and while descending, two engines quit and the other two were running rough. The pilot attempted to make an emergency landing in a kafir (a type of milo) field but brought the plane in and completely stalled out at about 50 feet. The plane, upon impact, moved only "two feet" forward and the front of the plane bust into flames. The rear of the plane did not burn. All ten crewmembers died upon impact. See a short article about the crash scene on pg 267.

An early model B-24 which would have been very much like the plane used in training by Lt Sorensen and the rest of the crew.

The recommendations of the review team was to place the fuel selection switch in a place in the plane where it could be checked without the use of a flashlight. No record has been found to indicate that this was ever done, even at the local level. Ten men died for that recommendation!

Lt. Sorensen was assigned to Smokey Hill AAFB to work on new planes under development for the Air Force. No article gave the name of the plane but suspicion is that it was the new classified B-29.

He was a member of the 1936 graduating class at Milford Twp and was married to a fellow Milford Twp. graduate, Betty McCord, also from the class of 1936. She was the president of the class of '36 and he was the vice-president of that class. He graduated from Iowa State College in 1941 with a degree in engineering. Following graduation he was married in Nov. of 1941 and went into the service on 27 Dec 1941.

One unusual incident in connection with the family's return to Iowa was the meeting of Betty and her brother-in-law, Raymond Sorensen. Raymond, also in the Air Corps and in training at Lincoln Air Base at Lincoln, Neb, upon hearing of the crash a few hours after it was announced, started for Nevada at once. Arriving in Omaha, he was unable to make train connections and decided to start out to hitch-hike home. While at the approach of the bridge between Omaha and Council Bluffs, he noticed a car with number 85 license plates (Story County) approaching. He waved the car down only to discover that in it were his bereaved sister-in-law and another military couple accompanying Betty to Iowa. Needless to say, he accompanied them on the somber trip home.

Betty Sorensen taught the first and second grades at Milford for the year of 1944-'45.

Lt. Sorensen was one of seven cousins in the Sorensen family in the service. Also, there was a brother-in-law in the service. (Parts of this story adapted from an article in the Nevada Paper)

Gold Star Man

1944 George J. Peterson

George Peterson, 1940 graduate of Milford Twp is believed to have lived 2 miles east of Ames in Grant Twp but tuitioned into the Milford School. Private Peterson enlisted in the infantry in Sept of 1942. He was killed in action in France on 31 July 1944, almost eight weeks after the allied invasion of Europe.

Adapted from the Ames Paper;

Sorrow struck the Ames community again Thursday when word was received by Mr and Mrs P.F. Peterson of rural Ames route 2, from the War Department that their only son, Pvt. George J. Peterson, was killed in action in France on 30 July 1944.

The Peterson farm adjoins that of Mr and Mrs Karl B. Clark, whose son, S/Sgt. George Clark, was reported shot down over France on July 25. The boys were close friends, and, together with Everett Joy, had enlisted on the same day, 8 Sept 1942.

Pvt. George J. Peterson

The son of Mr and Mrs P.F. Peterson, R.F.D. 2, Ames, was reported as having been killed in action in France on 30 July 1944.

Pvt. Peterson was 24 years old and had spent his entire life in the Ames community. He had attended the Kelley, North Grant and Milford schools and was graduated from the Milford high school in 1940.

He took training at Camp Robinson, Ark., Camp Carson, Colo., and Camp Roberts, Calif. and then received overseas assignment, arriving in England about the first of July. The last letter received by his parents was dated in France on 18 July.

Gold Star Man
1993 Sgt. 1st Class Matt Rierson

Matt Rierson, son of Loren Rierson '46, was killed in Oct of 1993 in Somalia. He gave up his life in a mortar attack on 6 Oct. 1993.

Sgt. First Class Matt Rierson

Matt attended Milford Twp School when it was a part of the Nevada School System as a fifth and sixth grade lad. He was born in 1960 and graduated from Nevada in the class of 1979. His photo reveals a much decorated and experienced young soldier.

A memorial Service for Matt was held at the Nevada Community School gym in early Nov. 1993 with over 700 in attendance including 31 of his fellow soldiers from the Special Operations Command and many of his former Nevada High schoolmates. He left behind his young family; wife, Trish and two sons, Jacob and Kaleb, and his mother, Kay Carsrud Rierson.

Milford Man wounded in the Hellhole of Tarawa
Brother also wounded in final days of German Campaign

Bob Matters, a cousin of Fred Matters, was a rifleman and a front line Marine veteran of some of the most vicious hostilities of WWII. In the process he had his left leg so badly injured it was amputated following the 20 November 1943 invasion of the small island of Tarawa. An artillery shell landed near Matters and knocked him to the ground and killing three or four soldiers near him. Several others were wounded. Like others who were wounded, Matters yelled for help. "I didn't realize it was that bad. I knew I was hit, but I didn't know how bad until I reached down there and felt a hole that big", Matters said as he held his hands several inches apart. He says he "felt invincible before Tarawa because he didn't think there was any way the Japanese could get me but they sure proved me wrong."

Meanwhile, half way around the world, brother Leslie Matters, assigned to a Tank Unit, was wounded on 23 November 1944 in Germany--no news of the type of wound. He was able to be returned to active duty in May of 1945. VE day was 8 May 1945.

Both Bob and Leslie are the sons of Will Matters, a former resident of Milford Twp. A third son, Kenneth, also served in the service attached to the Medical Corps.

Milford Twp Military Honor Roll

Those Who Served In The Armed Forces

The following information, hopefully with few errors has been gathered.

In the June 7,1917, Roland Record it stated "the Registration Board in Milford Twp announced the registration of eighty-one men and on April 11, 1918, it reported 1,528,924 men in the Army. We suspect that the following list is very much lacking in information of the service of men who might have served in the era before the Second World War. For example, we know that in Sept. of 1918 that Milford Township had 83 lads signed up for the draft. How many of these were called to active duty is unknown.

-Norman H. Confare, War Between the States
-John E. Diffenbacher, War Between the States
-N.P. Elsree, War Between the States
-George W. Grove, KILLED 1862 War Between the States
-Jacob Grove, KILLED 1863 War Between the States
-David Hughes, War Between the States
-Ellis Hughes, War Between the States
-Isaiah Hughes, War Between the States
-George Louks Jr., War Between the States
-Fritz Randau, War Between the States
-Fritz(?)Sweringen, War Between the States
-Ed Wilkson, War Between the States
-Lucy Alfred, WWI nurse-over seas duty
-Cleo Bond, WWI
-B.M. Boyce, WWI
-Floyd Bryan, WWI
-K.B. Clark, WWI
-Paul Comfort, WWI Medic
-Ora Dearthe, WWI
-Palmer Durby, WWI
-A.R. Dykes, WWI
-H.J. Eide, WWI
-D.T. Finch, WWI
-H.B. Graves, WWI
-Cyrus Grove, WWI
-Rhiner Honderd, Pri WWI
-Edward Kerwell, WWI
-Lars Larson, WWI
-Earl McGrath, WWI
-Walter Montray, WWI
-Andrew Myers, Spanish American and WWI

Paul Comfort WWI

-Shell Olson, WWI
-George P. RasmussonWWI
-Ray Riddlenburgers WWI
-John Ripley, WWI
-Henry Sacker, WWI
-William Stevenson, WWI
-Casper Thompson, WWI
-John Thompson, WWI
-Guy Wakefield, WWI Army
-Lon Williams, WWI
-Vernon W. 'Barney' Beasmore, Coach 1952-'53, WWII Army 1943-'46
-E.J. Hauswirth, (Supt 1953-'54), Army Capt.
-Keith D. Hopkins, Supt 1955-'57, WWII Navy 1942-'45

William Stevenson WWI

'28 Wayne Slocum, Navy in 1930
'29L Kenneth 'Kenny' Hughes, WWII
'30 T. Eugene Thornton, WWII Navy
'31 Reva Rhodes, WWII Waves- 1943-1945
'32 Joe Alfred, WWII Army Air Core, MP in England & France See page 218
'34 Bob Alfred, WWII Lt in Navy, Civil Engineer in Hawaii
'34 Ray Watson, WWII Army Medic, New Guinea Campaign & the 2nd wave Lepte Invasion of Philippines.
'35 Charles W. Osborn, US Army
'35 Arthur Stratton, WWII Army Master Sgt Medic in Evacuation Hospital in England 1943-'45
'36 Fay Beal, WWII Army
'36 Joe Burley, WWII
'36 Borg Holen, WWII Army
'36 Earl Lee, WWII Army
'36 Laverne 'Bud' Sorensen, ISU, WWII USAAF, KILLED 1943- near Salina, Kansas; see "**Gold Star Men**"
'37 Lester Molde, WWII Army
'37 Edward Sorensen, WWII Army
'37 Richard Sorensen, WWII Army
'37 Leonard Tendall, WWII Marines
'38 Mervin Brooks, WWII Army
'38 Bill Sharpe, Lt. WWII Army **Bronze Star** Recipient
'39 Walter Jacobson, WWII Marine,1942-'45, active duty in South Pacific front 19mo.
'39 Raymond 'Buster' Sorensen, WWII
'40 Robert L. Matters, US Marine **Purple Heart**
'40 Leslie Matters WWII Army **Purple Heart**
'40 Donald 'Jack' Borts, WWII Army
'40 George Clark, WWII Air Corp 3yrs
'40 Dixon Harper, WWII USAAF PFC 1942-'44 13 mo.
'40 Curtis Jacobson, Army
'40 Leonard Jones, Army
'40 George Peterson, WWII Army, KILLED 1944- action

in France (see "**Gold Star Men**")
'40 Donald Rasmusson, Army/Navy??
'40 Kermit 'Shorty' Sorensen, WWII
'40 Donald Wakefield, WWII Marines
'41 Harlan Harper Jr., WWII Navy lst Seaman, Radio Operator in Sasebo, Japan, 1944-'46 2 1/2yrs
'41 Kermit Molde, WWII Army
'41 Arnold Nelson, WWII Army, reserves
'41 Marvin Smith Jr, WWII, Pilot, Army Air Force
'42 Richard Comfort, WWII Navy PBY Pilot, Flew AZ Law Enforcement 20 years
'42 Leo Tjelmeland, WWII Army
'42 Junior 'Guy' Wakefield, WWII
'43 Karl Clark, WWII Army 10yrs
'43 Duane Gardner, WWII, Navy Officer 14yrs, Career
'43 Don Halverson, WWII Navy, NROTC @ ISU
'43 Earl Johnson, WWII Air Force
'43 E. Glen Sampson, WWII
'44 Carroll Arneson, WWII
'44 Gorden Bivens, Marine Corp WWII
'44 Carl Buttry, WWII Air Force
'44 Russell Clark, WWII USAAF, German **POW**
'44 Fred Matters, WWII Army, Japan 1945-'47
'44 Russell Morfey, Korea -Army Medic
'44 Marvin "Ole" Sorensen, WWII & Korea -Army
'45 Raymond Crowe, WWII Army
'45 Wesley Warren, WWII & Korea- Army
'46 George 'Lendell' Manley, Korea- Air Force
'46 Donald Morfey, Korea -Army Medic, Heart Break Ridge , Purple Heart and was Awarded a Bronze Star
'46 Loren Rierson, Korea?-Marine
'47 Charles 'Art' Cooling, Korea -Army 2yrs, 1954-'56
'47 Richard Couser, Korea -Army National Guard 8yrs
'47 Kenneth E. Watson, Korea -Army Infantry man in N Korea (1951) 21 mo
'48 Harlan Nassen, Korea- 9th Regiment
'49 Merrill Anderson, Korea -Navy
'49 Darol & Garol Cooling, Korea -Marines, 1949-'51
'49 Charles Horness, Korea -Air Force
'49 Jack Morris, Korea -Army Paratrooper
'50 Vernon Egland, Korea -Army MP-France & Austria 2yrs
'50 LeRoy Gardner, Navy-got TB & was 2yrs recuperating in military Walter Reed Hospital in Washington DC, then on to the TB Center in Asheville, NC (where he met his wife)
'50 Eugene Mortvedt, Korea -Army
'50 Dan Needham, Korea
'50 Richard Sorem, Korea -Air Force S Sgt
'51 Franklin Egland, Korea -Army
'51 Dean Crowe, Korea -Air Force Sgt, Radio Op @ Morris Code 4yrs
'51 Roger Deal, Korea - Vietnam T/Sgt, 20 year Career.
'51 Larry Roberts, Korea -Army
'51 John Wakefield, Korea -Army
'52R John Danielson - Navy two years
'52 Rodney Hansen, Air National Guard
'52 Roy Hartman, Korea -Air Force Career, **Purple Heart**, Dsbd., lost both legs
'53 Richard Roberts, Army
'54 Hugh 'Fritz' Morris, Coast Guard
'55 David Allen, LtVietnam-Navy Pilot, Combat Zone, CIA
'55 Dale Carsrud, Vietnam -Army 2yrs
'55 Dale Hughes, Lt. Air Force Pilot, ROTC @ OU, Norman, OK
'55 Gary Tjelmeland, Marines
'56 Jack Allen, Navy, Meze Instrament Instructor
'56 Loyd Hughes, Navy
'56 Edwin Needham, Navy Career
'57 Paul Nassen, Army Germany 3 yrs
'57 Roger Thompson, Vietnam -Air Force 4yrs
'57 Alan Twedt, Vietnam -Navy Combat Zone, USS Ranger
'58 Ed Allen, Vietnam -Air Force Capt 17yrs
'58 Jimmie Thompson, Vietnam -Army 1962-'64 2yrs
'59 Jerry Book, Vietnam -Army Combat Zone, 1st Infantry ground personel
'59 Ron Strother, National Guard
'60 Ronald Pauley, Navy
'60 Ronald Rasmusson, Drake, Navy
'61 Dennis Book, Army Reserve
'61 Ronald Sorem, National Guard
'62 Bruce Strother, Vietnam 2yrs '66-'68
'62 Gordon Tjelmeland, Vietnam -USAF Pilot 6yrs
'62 Steven Waugh, Vietnam 1968-'69, Pentagon 1969-'72
'63 Stephen Brooks. Sgt Vietnam 2 years, Army
'63 Jim Cooper, 20 year career Air Force
'64 Loren Book, Army Reserve
'64 Gary Petrus, Air Force 6 years 1965-'71
'64 Dennis Twedt, Army, Vietnam
'65 Virgil Horness, Navy, 3yrs active and 4yrs in reserves
'66 Owen Twedt, Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class
'67 Dean Twedt, Navy Lt. JG, ROTC @ ISU
'68 Don Brooks, Army
'68 Dennis Otto, Vietnam -Army 2yrs, **Purple Heart**
'69 Dennis McVey, Germany -Army
'78 Brent Brodie, US Army Career Afghanistan, 20yrs.
'79 Matthew Rierson, Delta Force KILLED 1993-Somalia Conflict(see "Gold Star Men")

Dave Allen,Navy Pilot
See pg 97 &245

PEACE CORPS:
'59 Richard Thompson,U of Illinois,- Several Countries
'64 Loren Book & Ruthie Horine Book- both ISU graduates, 1970-'72 South Pacific
'64 Mark Danielson- South America
'00 Zack Smith- Panama. Son of Marvin Smith III

NOTES: Bill Sharpe '38 Bronze Star at Rhine R Crossing.
Russell Clark'44 was a **German POW** in WWII.
The Morfey brothers, Russell'44 and Donald'46, had Medical Cadet Training through the Seventh Day Adventist

Church so as to be prepared to serve their country and fellow man. Don Morfey also received the Bronze Star. Roy Hartman'52 and Dennis Otto '68 received Purple Hearts.

There were seven Sorensen cousins in the military, three inlisted together; Edward '37, Richard '37 & Laverne "Bud" '36 who had just graduated from ISC ('41) at the time, then in 1943 was killed while training with the Air Force near Salina, KS. These were the sons of Sorensen brothers: Pete, Harry & Fred.
On at least two occasions Milford Twp military personal found another Milfordite unexpectedly during their tour of duty: 1) Kenneth Watson'47 & Don Morfey'46 met up in a North Korean Medical Station. 2) Dave Allen '55 & Alan Twedt '57 crossed paths on the Coral Sea. See pg 97.

Amil Twedt '33 All three sons in the Navy: Alan '57, Owen '66 and Dean '67.

Both Vernon '50 and Franklin '51 Egland reported that they used the GI Bill in their effort to earn their degrees at ISU. Vernon for Industrial Engineering and Frank for Civil Engineering.

Ol' Milford farmer wonder why "Abbreviation" such a long word!

Civil War Story

by Dale Hughes

The following is a family history story told about a first cousin of mine about four generations back.

During the War Between the States, three cousins of mine, who grew up in Milford Township, were in the service with the Union Army. Family history has it that they were all in the artillery and they were all "deaf as a fencepost" when they got to be older men. Cannon fire, when one is on the firing team, can be very injurious to the ears. It is bad enough when your own cannon fires, but when the pieces down the line fire; the sound slaps you in the ear like a "wet mackerel". The first round or so is bad enough but the following reports just seem to have more and more of a painful sensation and the ears ringing until soon "it's not so bad"; but this "not so bad" is one's hearing being damaged.

Anyhow, so the story goes, their battery was in south western Mississippi where they were participating in the siege of Vicksburg which had deteriorated into a near stalemate and the troops had settled into a situation of entrenchment. My cousin, whom I'll simply refer to as "Cousin Hughes" as I've forgotten which of the three fellows it actually was, was dug in with his artillery unit some distance from town. They apparently had a quite civilized encampment near a stream which was some 30 or more yards wide and a little over "belly deep to a horse". To cross this stream on one's horse at the "ford" it was necessary, to keep one's boots dry, to put your boots either up along side the horse's neck or conversely, put your toes back up on the horse's rump.

One evening one of the junior officers in Cousin Hughes' Battery, who was a real pain in the neck and whom nobody, at least the enlisted men, could tolerate because of his Napoleonic attitude, decided he was going to a nearby town to visit the ladies and get a cigar. Well, this particular night Cousin Hughes had picket duty. Part of the duty was to challenge any approaching person with a command- "Halt, Dismount, Come forward and be recognized". So, in the wee hours of the morning, Cousin hears this solitary horseman approaching and singing with a slightly inebriated manner with a voice loud enough to be heard quite some distance away. But he's still on the opposite side of the stream. Cousin recognizes the voice of the "dear" officer and a plan for a bit of sweet revenge instantaneously forms in his sleepy mind. He hears the horse enter the stream and the singing stops and now "dear" officer is talking to his horse about the stream crossing. Cousin waits until the horse is in the deepest part of the stream and then, in his most commanding voice, barks out, "Halt, Dismount, Come forward and be recognized!"

"What the ..??? -- Hughes, you (blankity blank)-- you know who it is--This is Captain...."

Again the command, "Halt, Dismount, Come Forward and be Recognized or I'll blow you out of the saddle!" . This is getting serious. The officer, who knows that Cousin is within the guidelines of the duty of the picket, dismounts in mid stream, and with much swearing, stuttering and stammering, and oath issuing, particularly when the water comes up over the top of each boot and adamantly complaining all the while, takes the bridle reins and wades and leads the horse ashore from the near hip deep water, which of course, is over the tops of his fine, neatly shined, highly prized near-knee-height boots.

"By golly, that is you, ain't it Cap'm"

Family history does not reveal how much and what kind of manure Cousin Hughes had to endure for the rest of War for this incident but, never the less, it makes a good story and he did survive the War.

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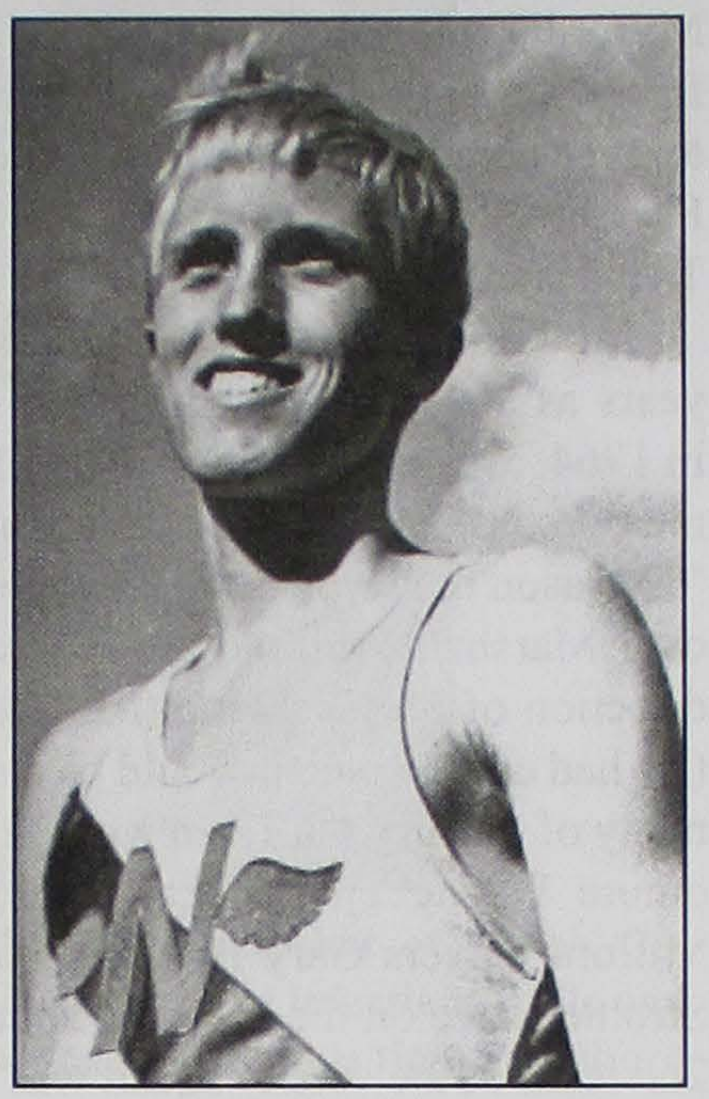
Pleasant Grove Service Flag

The World War II service record which was hung on the wall of the Pleasant Grove Church included the following names of men from the community, not necessarily from Milford Twp, who serviced during that War; Gene Watson, Walter Jacobson, Russel Buttrey, Kenneth Hughes, Dixon Harper, Leonard Jones, Dale Sampson, Fred Matters, Donald Halverson, Earl Lee, James Matters, Harlan Harper, Carroll C. Doolittle, Carroll Arnenson, Joe Alfred, Robert Alfred, Wayne Buttrey, Merril Johnson, Howard Johnson, Ed Hagerland, Charles Samson, Floyd Clark, Robert Comfort, Donald Wakefield, Stanley Gineskee, Eugene Arnenson, Edward Eller, and Gordon Bivens. See page 55 and 194.

Hall of Fame

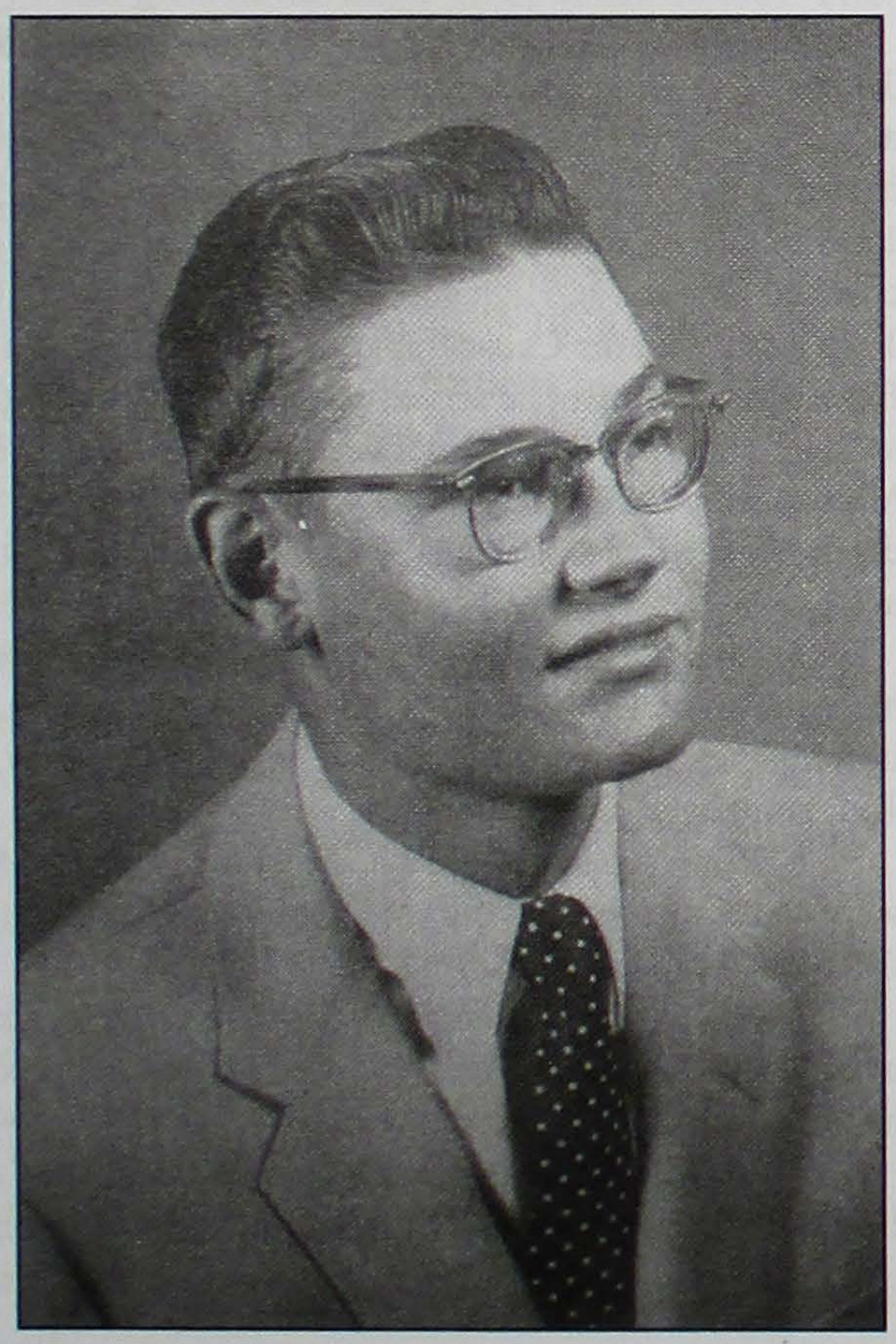
Nevada Hall of Fame Athlete
Dean Twedt



Dean Twedt, Nevada '67, son of Amil Twedt '33, attended Milford Twp School through 1961 and went to Nevada when the schools merged. He graduated in 1967 and was elected into the Nevada Hall of Fame in Jan of 2006. The Nevada Cubs' famous relay teams of Twedt Twedt, Toot Toot included Dean's cousin John, son of Floyd '32 and Grace Tendall '35 Twedt, and Toot brothers Gregg and Joe, sons of Delmar Toot. Joe later became the husband of Milford's Barbara Jacobson '66N.

Dean's big brother, Alan Twedt '57 was his unofficial coach and biggest fan. During his High School time Dean earned eight letters; 2 Basketball, 3 Cross Country and 3 in Track. As a senior he was undefeated in the cross country season, finished third in the State meet and was fourth in the state mile run. He still holds the Nevada School record of 4:30.2 for the mile run.

Dean had a full ride collegiate scholarship at Iowa State University where he earned nine letters because of his abilities in Track and Cross Country. He received the "Outstanding Freshman" Award for Cross County. After graduation from the ISU ROTC program, he served in the Navy as Lt. JG Dean Twedt. He and his wife, Kathy Williams from Nevada, are the parents of a daughter, Dr Carrie Twedt.



IHSAA/Red Oak Sports HOFs
Vernon Olson

Left: Vernon Olson '56, in 1996, received the IHSAA Media Hall of Fame recognition from the Iowa High School Athletic Association and, in 1999, was selected for the Red Oak High School Hall of Fame for sports news reporting.

The Olson family lived in the southwest corner of section 24 of Milford Twp. He has lived most of his life, and spent most of his career, in Red Oak, Iowa, with his wife Sandra Mortvedt '57 Olson, a Red Oak teacher for 30 years. They have two daughters, a psychologist in Ohio and another has a Masters in Lab Science and works in Washington State.

In 1960 Vernon earned his degree at the University of Iowa. His journalism career of 38 years included radio broadcasting in Clarinda and Shenandoah and newspaper reporting in Red Oak. He last served as sports editor of the Red Oak Express 15 years before retiring in 1998.

While at Milford Vernon served as the statistician for the athletic teams and was an excellent soloist and received State Contest #1 ratings. He later served many classmates as their wedding soloist.

Nevada HOF Athlete
Wayne Tjernagel

Wayne Tjernagel, Nevada '64, who attended Milford Twp until its closing in 1961 when he was a freshman, is one of the outstanding basketball players to ever come from the Milford Township community. He lived 2 miles east and 1 1/4 north of the Milford Twp school.

Following the consolidation, he played three years as a starter for the Nevada Cubs and graduated in 1964. Wayne was a key player for some of the most memorable seasons in Nevada Cub history. The 1961-'62 season they won 22 of 24 games starting with a win over Marshalltown, the 1961 State Champs under the direction of Ev Cochrane (Milford Twp '54, '55, '56) (Ev had commented it would be a rough game knowing many of the Nevada Team were Milford players. Sophomore Wayne Tjernagel, with ten seniors, including Milford players Gary Brooks, Arlen Twedt and Bruce Strother were on the traveling squad. Almost the entire 2nd team of the varsity squad was from Milford Twp).

In the 1963-64 season the Nevada Cubs lost their opener to top-ranked Waterloo West, then won all the rest of their games before losing in the district tournament to Ames.

Wayne was the second-leading scorer in the state his senior basketball season. Nevada posted a 54-8 record during his three years. Wayne was named on the 2nd All State IHSAA Basketball Team as a senior after being named to he 5th All State team as a junior.

In 2000 Wayne was selected one of 15 players to be named to an All-Star Nevada High School Basketball Team which included the players from the first 75 years of Nevada High School. In 2001 Wayne was added to the Nevada Hall of Fame. Obviously an oversight of earlier selections.

Wayne went on to become a starter on Iowa State's only undefeated freshmen team. He was an accountable player for the Cyclones, not only lettering for three years at ISU, he received the Senior Scholastic Award in 1968.

Following graduation he continued playing AAU basketball in the Nevada area. His teammates included some lads from Milford Twp. Wayne scored as many as 54 points in those contests around the Story County area.

Wayne Tjernagel

Wayne taught and coached at Edgewood, Iowa, following graduation from Iowa State. Since 1975 he made a name for himself with the insurance business he has owned in the Fairbanks, Iowa area.

Penn College Athletic HOF
William E. Swim

William E. "Bill" Swim, born in White City on Oct 30, 1905, to Wm and Margaret Saunders Swim, was a graduate of William Penn College and Drake University. He began his teaching career in Colo in 1934. Between Fall 1945-Spring 1948 he served as Supt at Milford Twp Cons School and also coached both the Jr. High and Senior High Boys and Girls. In 1948 he entered the Cedar Rapids School System as a teacher. Before his retirement he served as elementary school principal at Tyler and Polk Schools between 1950-'71 and later in the Marion School District. His 63 year marriage ended with the death of his wife Margaret in 2000 and he died in May of 2003 at 97.

During his tenure as Supt and Coach at Milford Twp he coached the 1946-'47 boys to winning season with 20 wins in 24 games and gained 2nd place in both the Story County Tournament and the Sectionals.

While at Milford Twp, he and his wife, Margaret, were active members of the community with their young family, Barbara, Joan, and Bill.

His daughter's husband, Bill Brousard, was inducted in 2008 into the IHSAA Hall of Fame for Officials because of his 40 year record of officiating

Mr Swim was inducted into the Penn College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Ev Cochrane
IHSAA Hall of Fame
And other HOFs

In 1987 it was announced that Ev Cochrane, Milford Twp Coach for three school years from the fall of 1953 through the spring of 1956, had been inducted into the Iowa High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Paraphrasing from an article of the time-- Ev Cochrane is one of those individuals who could probably qualify for the Hall of Fame either as a coach or player. He was an outstanding all-around athlete at Des Moines Tech; his senior year he was selected on the first All State Football Team the fall of 1946 and the first All State Basketball Team in the spring of 1947.

Ev Cochrane began his collegiate career at Drake University. Freshmen were eligible for varsity competition at that time and Ev played both football and basketball for the Bulldogs of Drake. After transferring to the University of Iowa, Ev played three years of varsity basketball, including participation on a 19-3 club his senior season as an Iowa letterman.

Ev's coaching career began at Milford Township in the fall of 1953 and, as would be expected for that time, he guided all the athletic programs, both Jr and Sr High boys and girls in his three years at the school. The girls, who had posted very few wins the previous five seasons, became league title contenders and finished third in the county tournament and second in the sectional tournament in 1954. In his three years his boys squads posted a 58-14 (most of the loses to neighboring and highly ranked Roland). The 1956 boys won the Story County Basketball Tournament by defeating the hot state contender Roland Rockets.

Ev Cochrane went to Marshalltown to coach starting in the fall of 1956. Marshalltown knew a good coach when they saw one. Ev had arranged a post season scrimmage game with the State Champs, the Marshalltown Bobcats, and our Milford Twp lads were reputed to have beaten them after Marshalltown had just won the 1956 State Tournament and Milford Bulldogs had just won the Story County Crown.

During the seven seasons for the Bobcats, his teams were 134-32 with four Central Iowa Conference titles and two State Championships 1960 & 1961. Mr Cochrane's ten year record of coaching at Iowa High Schools was 189-46 for a success rate of .804.

Ev left Marshalltown to coach at the collegiate level for three years at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Ill.

This greatly enlarged candid snapshot of Coach Cochrane taken in 1955 illustrates the infectious smile and manner of a man who was enjoying his time at Milford School.

In 1982, Ev Cochrane was inducted into the Iowa AAU Hall of Fame at Marshalltown. In 1985 Ev was inducted into the Hall of Basketball Fame for the B'NAI B'RITH of Des Moines.

In 1968 he moved to Ames where he excelled in the insurance business and then entered real estate business and built 850 units of student housing near the ISU campus. Ev was a generous person, who with his family, wife Marge, son Evy and daughter Michelle, have donated substantially to the Hospice site in Ames and the Iowa Hall of Pride in Des Moines. Also pg 210

Footnote: The math in the article doesn't add up, he actually posted a 192-46 winning margin plus winning many pick up games. (That statistic does not include girls' athletic statistics.)

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Nevada Hall of Fame Athlete
Doug Sampson
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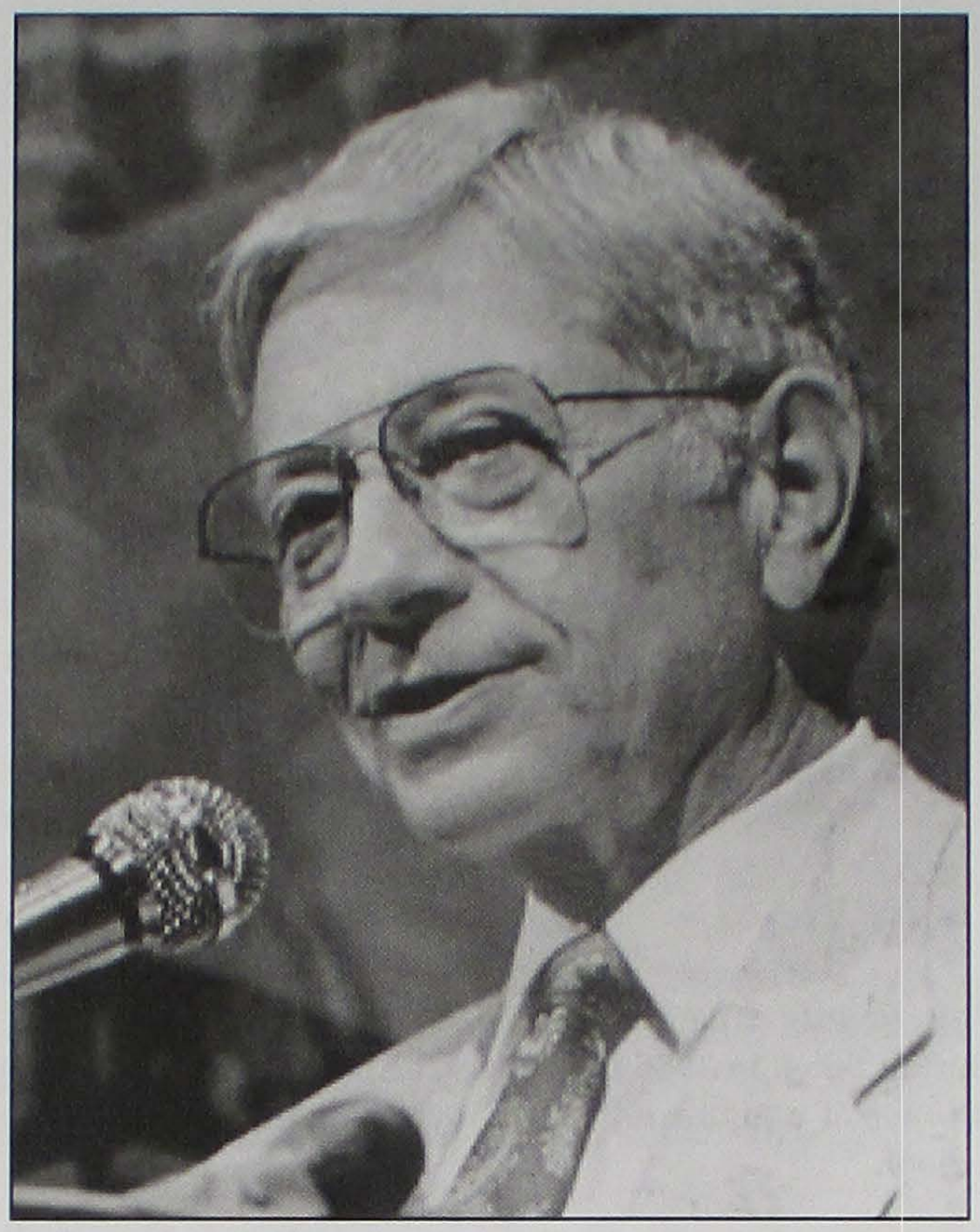
Ol' Milford farmer think "A day without sunshine probably called 'night'"



Dixon "Dix" Harper
HOF Farm Broadcasters

Dixon Harper'40 graduated from Milford Twp "University" at a precarious time. He was the oldest of eight children of Harlan and Joan Parson Harper. As a youth, he was quite active in 4-H with the production of purebred Durocs and Hampshires. He bred and exhibited the All-American Hampshire Junior Boar in 1939 in Chicago and was a delegate to the National 4-H Club Congress.

He worked in Wisconsin for a stock farm in 1940 where he developed a herd of Durocs and exhibited (1) the Premier Herd and (2) The Grand Champion Sow at the 1941 Wisconsin State Fair.

In 1942, while Dixon was a student at Iowa State College, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He enlisted in Feb 1942. After washing out of pilot training for physical reasons, he earned wings as an aerial gunner on a B-17 crew. Grounded before going overseas, he was discharged in Jan of '44 to farm with his father and operate pea deviners with Jamaican laborers. He later managed a canning factory casing room with German Prisoners of War during the pea and sweetcorn harvest in the seasons of 1944 and 1945.

Dix started his radio career in Jan of 1946 at WOI in Ames which included farm and sports broadcasting. He received "Best Farm Program" awards in 1949, 1950, and 1951 presented by the 'American Institute for Education by Radio' at Ohio State.Dix was one of the original 8-man committee that started the Farm Progress Show and served as chair for the first 3 years. In 1976 he helped found the annual Tobacco Farm Show in Greenville, NC.

His prestigious career included working with many renowned businesses and serving on various national boards and committees for which he received many honors including: 1959 NATRFD Meritorious Service Award; 1985-1986 Meritorious Achievement, National NAMA; 1988 Honorary American Farmer Degree, National FFA; 1988 Outstanding Service Award, North Carolina Yam Commission; 1990 Award for Distinguished Service, National Pork Producers Council; 1998 NAFB Farm Broadcaster Hall of Fame, he was the third person from Iowa, behind Herb Plambeck, WHO, and Chuck Worcester, WMT, (both were inducted in 1987), to be elected to the National Farm Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Nevada Paper, early '40s: *Pfc Dixon L Harper received his wings recently at La Vegas, Nevada, and had been home on a 17 day furlough visiting his parents. He is a gunner on a Flying Fortress, and is being transferred to the 18th Replacement Center at Salt Lake, Utah.*

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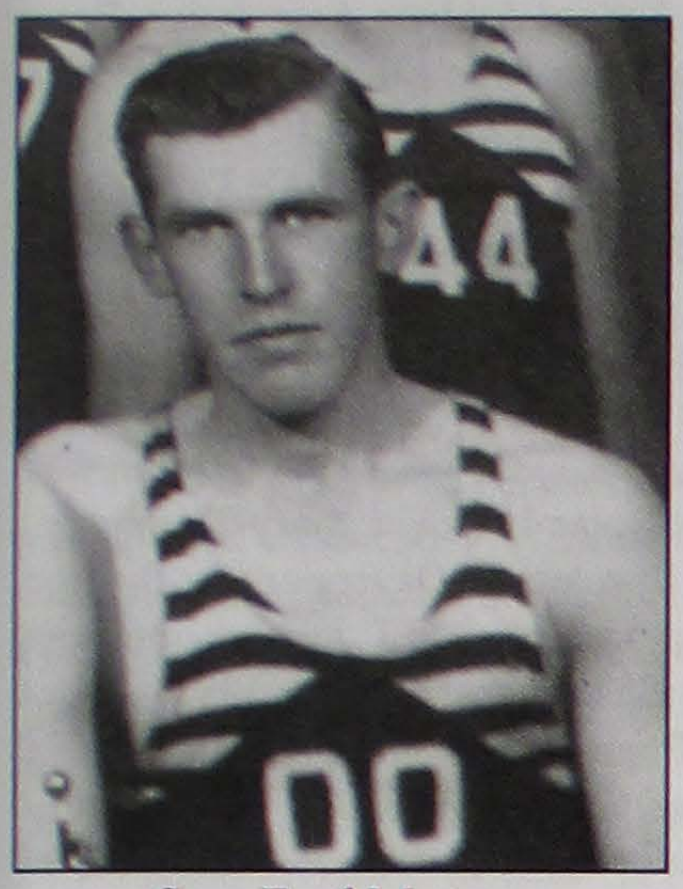
Milford Farmer
Elected Pork Producer President

In May of 2007 Dave Moody, 10 year Milford 4-H leader, was elected to be President of the Iowa Pork Producers Association. In an unexpected turn of events, he does not own a pig, hog, sow, gilt of any kind as he is the manager of a farrow to finish operation and may be the first Pres of that organization to have been elected with that background. He owns the finishing barn but none of the pigs.

He is to take office in Jan of 2008. Moody has been on the Iowa Pork Production Association board for five years, and first got involved with the organization by serving on committees in the early 1990s.

Both he and his wife, Alice, have been leaders in the Milford Marvels 4-H program. In 1979 Dave represented Story County and the State of Iowa at the National 4-H Club Congress. He lives one mile south and about three quarters west of Milford School on the south side of the road. The Moodys have lived in Milford Twp since 1988 and have three daughters, Krystal, Cara, and Celsay. See page 239 and 242.

Two Top Athletes Become School Superintendents
Both were Milford School Bus Drivers



Supt Fred Matters

Fred, son of Harold Matters, graduated from Milford in 1944 after a great career as a athlete. He set a free throw record (ten consecutive) in the County Tournament that probably still stands. He won eight letters.

Fred was in the Army and in Japan from 1945-1947.

He started College at ISTC in '47. He started teaching with a two year degree at Clemons and 17 years later he had earned his Masters Degree from Drake. He began his career as a Supt at Gladbrook for four years and then to BGM (Brooklyn, Guersey and Malcom) in 1971 for 16 more and in the Area Six where he held various titles. His interest in athletics surfaced again at BGM where they built a new swimming pool, track, and 6 room Jr. High addition.

His wife of 57 years, Lorine, is from Ruthven, Iowa and a graduate of ISU and was the Tama Co. Extension Home Economist for 23 years. They are the parents of 2 girls and a son. For some more about his athletic career- see page 103.

Bill (William), graduated from Milford with the class of 1959, which was quite a group of very intelligent, and motivated youngsters. Bill, as a Junior, had the highest scoring average in the county for his Milford Basketball Team.

The photo is from Bill's senior year when he served as a bus driver and proudly wore his letter jacket for the driver's picture.

Supt Bill Jacobson

He graduated from State College of Iowa (UNI) in 1963 and started a long career in Education at Jewett Jr. High in Evansdale, Iowa. In 1968, Bill moved into the administration portion of education at Cedar Rapids. He started going to summer school to earn his Master's Degree at Western State College of Colorado and then at the University of Iowa.

In 1970 he moved to Jefferson High in Cedar Rapids and was there for 20 years. From 1968-'77 he attended Iowa U to earn his Ph.D. which he obtained in 1978. Then in 1979 he went to UCLA to study Mastery Teaching. In 1992 he was given the opportunity to become the Supt at Marion Iowa. He was there for ten years and his fortieth year as a public school educator.

He is the son of Howard and Irene Jacobson and is married to Mary Jane McCall, also a teacher, of Gowrie and they are the parents of one girl and one boy. Bill had a sister, Bernita, who also obtained a Ph D.

Milfordites Gain State Tournament or State Honors

No Milford Twp team ever made it to a state tournament, however the following former Milford Twp Youth experienced State Tournament or State Honors:

1930 **Margaret Hereim** represented Milford in the All State High School Chorus.

1944 **Marilyn Smith**, daughter of Marvin Smith Sr, was a Cheerleader for Nevada for the 1942 Nevada team when they won the State Consolation Trophy.

1946 **Marguerete Halverson**, only daughter of Supt B.G. Halverson, left Milford Twp in the summer of 1945 for Coon Rapids when her father entered business and left school administration. (However, do note that later Mr Halverson became County Supt for both Carroll and Pottawattamie Counties.) Coon Rapids had been state contenders in the previous four years, placing 3rd in the 1944 Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union State Basketball Finals and runner-up in 1945 finals. At Milford Twp she had been a forward but she earned a position on the first team at Coon Rapids as a starting guard and helped them win the 1946 Iowa Girls High School Basketball Championship. Maguerete's picture was in the Des Moines papers several times during that tourney and she reported she was surprised to have received letters from guys overseas in service. (pg 141)

1949 **Garol and Darol Cooling** played on the Clemons team that was runner-up for the Iowa High School Baseball Championship against Davenport. Garol was the catcher and Darol was first baseman.

1949 **Jack Morris** (selected to the first team of the North Story County Conference Basketball Team.) Jack was offered an athletic scholarship but went into the Army as a paratrooper where he met and married an All State Girls 6 on 6 player from Georgia.

1951 **Franklin Egland** played for Coach Buck Cheadle and the Roland Rockets in the 1951 Iowa High

School Boys tournament. Roland was Runner-up to the Davenport Blue Devils in a 50-40 Championship game. Under the leadership of the crowd favorite, sophomore Gary Thompson, Roland had played a nip and tuck game until the final minutes. Coach Cheadle paid special mention of Frank's contribution to the team during his senior season. Frank was on the Honor Roll.

1952 **Wayne Tjelmeland** played in both the 1951 and the 1952 Iowa High School Boys State Tournament as a member of the Roland Rockets in two of their three year run for a state championship. It was the memorable years of Gary Thompson and the Roland Rockets 1951-'53. The Tjelmeland family bought their farm and moved to nearby Howard Township in the spring of 1949.

1956 **Hazel Horness** won the right to represent Milford Twp in the Sectional and District free throw competition and threw in the State Tournament at the Drake Fieldhouse. The girls tournament games actually were played at the Des Moines Vets Auditorium beginning in 1955.

1956 **Ron Otto and Jurine Borton** each were listed as Honorable Mention on the final selection of the All State Basketball Teams. They were the first ever Milford Twp athletes to earn state recognition. (An interesting side note is that they started kindergarten together at Richland No 9 Rural School, both moved with their families in first grade- Ron to Boone and Jurine to Fernald- then in third grade both moved to Milford Twp.) Jurine set a County scoring record of 57 points which stood until 1961. Also in 1956, **Larry Miller** was overlooked and omitted from recognition on the all county team (and perhaps all state team honors) by a similar named lad from Roland. Coach Cochrane visited with many about this situation but to no avail.

1957 **Dick Neasham** won two Arizona Individual State Tennis Championship in 1956 and 1957.

1959 **Norene Hughes** represented Milford at the All State High School Chorus.

1959 **Bill Jacobson** was selected on the Honorable Mention list of the final selection for the Boys Basketball All State Team. The third of Milford Twp athletes to be recognized with this state honor. He was the leading scorer in Story County as a junior and a senior.

1960 **Janet Hansen** moved with her family (Ingval and Jerene Hansen) to Roland as a sophomore in high school. She experienced playing in the IGHSAU Basketball Championship tournament with the Roland Rockettes her senior year. She was selected her junior year as a guard on the Registers 2nd All State Team. Roland also had a Janet Hanson, an outstanding guard, who graduated in 1959.

1964 **Karen Thompson**, as a freshman in 1961 represented Milford Twp at the Sectional and District Free Throw competition in 1961. After the merger in 1961 Karen played for the Roland Rockettes in the final sweet sixteen of Iowa Girls High School State Basketball Tournament as both a sophomore in 1962 and a senior in 1964.

1964 **Wayne Tjernagel** was a three year starter for the Nevada Cubs following the merger in 1961. He was selected on the Iowa High School Athletic Association Boys All State 5th Team as a junior and the All State 2nd Team as a senior while playing for the Nevada Cubs. In 2000 Wayne was one of 15 players named to Nevada HS All Time Team for the 1st 75 Years. Wayne was inducted into the NHS Hall of Fame in 2001. Note: A point of interest is that both his brothers played in State Tournaments three of their four years as players for the Roland Rockets; Stanley "Stan" Tjernagel 1949-'53 and Loren Tjernagel 1956-'59. Stan was a class mate of the Great Roland Rocket, Gary Thompson, and on the famous team that lost to Davenport for the one class IHSAA State Championship in 1951. Loren helped win the 1958 IHSAA Class B Championship. Page 198.

1966 and 1967 **Dean** (son of Amil'33) and cousin **John** (son of Floyd '32 and Grace Tendall'35) **Twedt** participated for Nevada Cubs after the 1961 merger and represented NCS in the Iowa High School Boys Track Meet and the Drake Relays. Both were known for their distance running. Dean was inducted into the Nevada Community School Hall of Fame in 2006. (See Hall of Fame page 197)

1966 **Barbara Jacobson** was a guard and a forward on the first team for the Nevada Cubs when they made the final eight in their division of the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union Basketball Tourney. Her season total of 152 rebounds tied Nevada's record. She had 15 in one game.

1968 Three Milfordites played for Nevada's team in the Girls State Basketball Tournament. Only two seniors on this team. **Jacque Strother** was the manager. Junior **Kathy Fitzgerald** was a guard and **Jeanette Brooks (Virgil '36)** was a forward. One of only two sophomores on the team.

1993- Mike Jacobson '92 Football. (Son of Bob '57)

ALL STORY CO or N. STORY CONF TEAMS

1945- 1st Team ___Girl guard (Who?)
1945- 2cd Team___ Girl forward (Who?)
1949- Jack Morris '49 1st Team N Story County
1949- Juanita Warren Homorable mention
1950- Juanita Warren Homorable mention
1956- Ron Otto '56 1st Team All Story County
1956- Jurine Borton '56 2nd Team All Story Co
1956- Hazel Horness '56 Honorable mention
1959- Norene Hughes '59 Honorable mention
1958- Bill Jacobson '59 1st All Story County
1959- Bill Jacobson '59 1st All Story County

No County teams were selected when Milford had strong teams in 1926, mid 1940's, or 1947. In the mid 1940's the Huxley Merchants selected an All County Team on which Fred Matters '44 was listed.

Some DESCENDENTS
that made STATE QUALIFICATIONS

1943 **Glen Egland**: In 1990 Kris Bailey (daughter of Kathy'63 and granddaughter of Glen'43) played in the sweet sixteen IGHSAU State Basketball Tournament for Northeast Hamilton under Coach Chuck Bailey, her Dad (Chuck also took NE Hamilton to the State in 1995). Kris and her sister, Jolyn were both in the Iowa State Fair Queen competition as Miss Hamilton County. Kris was the 1991 lst Runner-up and Jolyn participated in 1994.

1944 **Fred Matters**: In 1974, daughter, Terri, at ISU was selected on the All American Baseball Bat Girl Team, referred to as the Diamond Darling. In 2006, Granddaughter Cammy Matters (daughter of Jean and granddaughter of Fred '44) played as a freshman in the IGHSAU State Softball Tournament for Humbolt.

1951 **Bob Williams**: 1999 Eric Williams (son of Rob '72 and grandson of Bob '51) on the Colo/Nesco 100 meter Relay Championship at the Drake Relays and the IHSAA State Track Meet.

1999 **Jason Williams** (son of Brad '73 and grandson of Bob '51) became Marshalltown's only 3-sport All State Team member in Football, Basketball and Baseball. In the 1999 state basketball tournament Jason was named to the All Tournament Team.

1952 **Florine Borton** Smalley: In 1996 granddaughter, Sandra Smalley, City High in Iowa City, participated in the IGHSAU State Swim meet. She also is a 2000 graduate from West Point and served in the US Army. Sandra's sister, DJ was a 1998 Iowa City, City High wrestler as one of the first girls in the state in the sport. She also had a college scholarship for wrestling at University of MN, Morris and later ISU and MO Valley College. She became the World Champion Women Free-Style Wrestler in Poland in 2002 beating a Russian woman 3-2 in the finals. Her grandfather, Merrill Smalley wrestled for Harold Nichols at ISU. Harold also served as a basketball referee at Milford Twp in the 1950's. In 2005-'06 grandson, Brandon '06, was on the first team in 3-sports for Cedar Rapids Prairie and played in the IHSAA State Baseball, Football and Soccor Tournaments. Brandon has an Academic Scholarship at Simpson participating in football and soccor. His brother, Ryan '07 was also on the Football Team.

1954 **Fritz Morris**: Son, Shon '84 6'9" played for SE Polk and was named on the 1984 IHSAA First All State Basketball Team. He was selected to play on the 1984 Dr Pepper Iowa All Star Basketball Classic in Cedar Falls. In 1983 Shon helped represent Iowa at the AAU State Basketball competition in Louisiana. Shon received a full ride scholarship to Northwestern in the Big Ten, and lettered every year and was selected by the City Tribune as the Chicago Area Young Athlete of the year 3 straight years while at Northwestern. After graduation in 1988 he played Pro Basketball in Greece before being hired at Northwestern and has served them in various positions: Assistant Basketball Coach, Director of Fund Raising (including the Mult-Athletic Complex); and is the Assistant Athletic Director. He is also on the broadcasting staff as a color analyst for ESPN. Fritz's other son, Michael ('85) at 6'5", played for SE Polk in the IHSAA State Basketball Tournament and was named to the All State Tournament Team.

1955 **Dale Hughes**: Daughter, Laura Lisa, 2000, graduated from Nevada after being a 4-year cheerleader for both football and wrestling and had state tourney experience as a cheerleader and dance ensembles.

1956 **Jurine Borton** Moore: Daughter, Mashall Rana, 1979, played basketball and softball for Springville. The Softball team lost the last game before the state tournament competition for four tournaments in a row, while she played second base and graduated in three years. Mashall was the 1976 Linn County 4-H President and the State 4-H Leadership winner and attended the 58th Annual National 4-H Club Congress in 1979 while a freshman at ISU.

1957 **Art Borton**: The only two times Nevada made the football play-offs where in 1977 and 1986. Sons, Rick '78 and Todd '87 where on those teams. Art's daughter-in-law, Missy Robinson '86, (Mrs Todd Borton) was named to the 1985 & 1986 All State Softball Teams. She was inducted into Nevada's Hall of Fame in 2004. In 1983 Art's son, Brian '84, played for the Nevada Cubs and helped represent the Iowa AAU State Basketball competition on the same team with Shon Morris.

1958 **Earl** '58 and **Doris Pauley** '58 **Otto**: In 1981 their twins participated for Colo-Nesco; Vickie '81 participated in the IGHSAU State Basketball Tournament and Victor '81 was a mile runner in the IHSAA State Track Meet. In 2007 their grandson, Sam (son of Gail'79 Colo) won the Individual Top Score and helped his LeMars Bowling Team win the IHSAA Bowling competition at their class level.

1958 **Janet Rasmusson**: Had three daughters and all three represented Laurens in the All State Music Festival: Jil '84-all 4 yrs; Jane '86 -three yrs; Julie '89 -all 4 yrs. Daughter Jane '86 also represented Laurens as a sprinter on the 1986 Relay Team at the IGHSAU State Track Meet and the Drake Relays

1958 & 1959 **Charles Larson** '58 and **Sharyl Buchanan** '59 Larson: In 1977 son, Dallas played football for Nevada when they made the IHSAA playoffs. In 2006 granddaughter, Courtney (daughter of Dallas '78, as a freshman, played a key roll on the Ballard basketball squad and ended as an elite eight team in the IGHSAU State Tournament. She is also on the varsity track team. In 2006 grandson, Ross, acquired his third consecutive AAU State Wrestling Championship. He also plays baseball at the AAU State level.

Some Milford Twp Athletes in Colleges

1927 Vivian Kimble,AI (AIB)Basketball
1938 Bill Sharpe, Drake, Baseball and Football
---- Leon Wilson, Milford Twp farmer, Iowa State, Baseball, 3 year letterman. Played for St Louis farm team
1943 Don Halverson, Iowa State, Basketball, 3yr letterman, and Baseball, NROTC
1947 Joe Harper, Simpson, Baseball and Basketball
1955 Dale Hughes, Okla Univ. Basketball, AFROTC
1956 Jurine Borton, Iowa Wesleyan Basketball
1957 Art Borton, Upper Iowa Football (had never played in HS)
1957 Pete Hadley, Simpson, Basketball, scholarship his senior year
1957 Norman Honderd,UNI
1957 Alan Twedt(Amil'33), Luther, Cross Country & Basketball
1957 Dick Neasham, Arizona State Champion Tennis
1959 Bill Jacobson, Grand View, Basketball
1964 Wayne Tjernagel, ISU, Basketball; full ride
1966 John Twedt(Floyd'32 & Grace Tendall'35), Marshalltown Jr. College and UNI, Track
1967 Dean Twedt(Amil'33), Iowa State, Track and Cross County; full ride
OTHER:
1955 Dale Hughes'55 played the piccolo for the Air Force Band 1955-'59, two of three years in Service.
1962 Gene Robert'62 played in the University of Iowa Marching Band

Some DESCENDENTS in COLLEGE ATHLETICS
(Also see State Tournaments or State Honors:
1944 Fred Matters: 1975-'78 daughter Jean played softball at Central College.
1947 Dorothy Tendall Williams: Grandaughter, Trisha'07 who played softball for Des Moines North and Roosevelt will play college softball for Grand View in Des Moines.
1951 Bob Williams: 1999 Jason Williams (son of Brad'73 and grandson of Bob'51) had a full ride athletic scholarship
1951 Florine Borton Smalley: 1998 grandaughter, DJ, had a college scholarship for wrestling at the U of MN and MO Valley College.
2006 grandson, Brandon Smalley, opted to used his academic scholarship rather than athletic while playing football at Simpson College.
1954 Fritz Morris: 1984-'88 son, Shon had a full ride basketball scholarship at Northwestern in the Big Ten for four years.
1957 Bob Jacobson: Mike Jacobson football Simpson

Footnote: '55 Dale Hughes continued playing church league and pick-up basketball and league softball at least through 2006, at the tender age of 68 he still knew how to put the ball away in the hoop or in the strike zone as the pitcher. In various Independent league games and tournaments, selected MVP numerous times.

Bulldogs Score Record 107, 109, & 111 Points

Breaking the "old" record of 107, set just a year earlier, the 1956 Bulldogs sank Zearing with a score of 109- 69 on 18 Dec 1955 game on the Milford Court. This was the 12th victory in a row for the Milford Red and White. Miller lead the scoring machine with 31 points followed by Ron Otto with 25, Norman Honderd with 14, Alan Twedt with 12, Art Borton 8, Pete Hadley 12, Bob Jacobson 2, Jack Allen 3, Duane Brodie 2, and Bill Thompson, Bill Jacobson, and Ron Strother played.

The girls game was a nailbiter with the Milford girls getting a come-from-behind victory 43-42 with Patsy Haugland putting in a field goal just 6 seconds before the end of the game. She ended the game with 15 points, Jurine Borton had 26, and Janet Hansen 2 while Janet Rasmusson, Norene Hughes, Hazel Horness, Bernita Jacobson kept the Zearing girls to their 42 points.

In "official" games, the Bulldogs scored over 100 points on three occasions. Once in the '54-'55 season and twice in the '55-'56 season. The 109 point effort record did not stand for long as later in the season, 6 Jan 56, there was a 111 point effort against Maxwell.

In the three years that Coach Cochrane was at Milford there were many "pickup" games against teams from the larger schools such as Nevada and Story City. In the 1954-'55 season, the only one I can address with any degree of memory certainty, we did not lose any of these games. In one, according to Dave Allen '55, we scored 137 points but this may have been a 5 quarter game; but, none the less, that is over 25 points a quarter which would have produced a score of over 100 points in a regulation game of four quarters.

In 1956, following the Bulldog's winning of the County Tournament, so the story goes, Coach Cochrane took his County Champions over to play the Marshalltown Bobcats who had won the State Tournament. Our Bulldogs beat them. It is speculated that any of the Bobcats who had earned a college scholarship were not playing because of the fear of injury but this point is not recalled by those who have related the story. Anyhow, the Marshalltown powers-in-being saw what Ev Cochrane could do in the field of coaching and hired him where he remained for five years and took them to the State Tournament where they won two consecutive State Championships. (1960 and 1961)

Ol Milford Farmer observe: Seat belt not as confining as wheel chair.

Milford's Royalty, Honors, and Awards

1928 Story County Diamond Jubilee

Margaret Hereim '30 (Middle Row- Right of Right Picture) represented Milford Twp in the 1928 Festivities. She married a 1929 Milford Twp graduate Williard Gilreath. Her mother was a teacher at Milford Twp and Mrs Margaret Gilreath also was a teacher at Milford Twp for the third and fourth grade for a number of years in the 1940's. She also was a very short term fill-in for the fifth and sixth grades when Mrs Claude Smith retired six weeks into the school term but before Mrs A.C. Everett started and finished the year.

Future Milford Twp resident, Irene (Rasmusson)Jacobson, (Bottom Right of Left Picture) represented Richland Township (Fernald area) in the 1928 Diamond Jubilee at Ames. This was a celebration of the seventy-five years from the time of the founding of Story County in 1853. Milford Twp was formed in 1858. Before this the west portion of our township was included in Franklin Township.

The girl in the top center of the left photo, from Grant Township, Laura Christensen, was selected Queen. She was presented a $150 Diamond Ring and the other candidates received a gold wrist watch.

1959 Iowa Queen of the Furrow- Janice Radabaugh>
<1965-- King of Kids in Des Moines --Rick Borton

Left: In 1965 Rick Borton, 5 years of age, was named King of Kids in Des Moines in a Kids Health Contest sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. Rick is the son of Art Borton '57 and Janice Radabaugh Borton '61. Rick a 1978 graduate of Nevada Comm and continues to live in Milford Twpwith his wife, Tracy, and two sons, Nick and Lance. He works for UPS and earned a 15-yr accident free safe driving award in 2006. He has served on the Co 4-H Council and Fair Board. His Mom, Janice Radabaugh (right), was selected the 1959 Iowa Queen of the Furrow and was killed in a tractor accident in 1969. Her only sibling, Don, was also killed in a tractor upset in 1960.

Some Royalty, Honors and Awards

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

1926 Milford Twp won the Story County Boys Basketball Championship- Coach Mickelson.
1956 Milford Twp won the Story County Boys Basketball Championship- Coach Ev Cochrane.
1957 Milford Twp won the Story County Boys Basketball Championship- Coach Lou Schrader.

HALL OF FAMES

1953-'56 Coach Everett Cochrane,1940 Dixon Harper, 1946-'48 Supt Wm E. Swim, 1956 Vernon Olson, 1964 Wayne Tjernagel, 1967 Dean Twedt, 1974 Doug Sampson See pages 197-200 and 335

Gibbons Brothers in Milford Twp

For a couple years in the mid seventies, June 1974-July 1976, the wrestling Gibbons Brothers lived on the west side of Sec 17 at the farmstead that is now known as the Ron Stensland home. They, Jim '77, Tim '78, Joe '81, and Jeff '84, were the sons of Bill and Bea Gibbons. Joe was actually the only one to attend the Milford School when it was an attendance center for Nevada Community Schools. They all graduated from Ames. Between the four of them they won 10 State Championships. Joe won 4 of those at 4 different weights- 98, 105, 126, and 132. Big brother Jim was an ISU wrestling coach for 7 years from 1985 to 1992. Jim won 3 State titles, Tim won 1, Joe won 4, and Jeff won 2.

Jim was All-American Collegiate '80, '81, '82.
Joe was All-American Collegiate '82, '84, '85, '86.
Jeff was All-American Collegiate '87, '89.

All, except Tim, are members of the Iowa High School Assoc. Hall of Fame. Tim, because of a serious injury, quit wrestling as a sophomore.

HONOR and AWARDS

1934 Ray Watson, a career barber, showed "Holiday Flash" a Tennessee Walking Horse at several classic events in the Mid-west, including the Iowa Stat Fair. He was very competitive and won the Iowa Walking Horse Championship several years for earning the highest point tally at all shows.
1935 Elmer Watson farmed 50+yrs and was an accomplished coon dog trainer. He was the reining Iowa Coon Hunting Champion. He is also credited for originating the A-Z Annual Antique Sale.
1937 Harvey Beal: honored for 45 years of school patrol at Ames
1944 Harlan Harper Jr was a member of the National Award Winning ISC Livestock Judging Team. He was selected for the Alpha Zeta Honorary Ag Fraternity. Harlan was also selected a Life Member of the Iowa State Duroc Association.
1952 Loren Olson: after 31 coaching, the gym was dedicated to him at Cedar Rapids Roosevelt.
In 1970 Keith Hopkins was selected into Who's Who in Education.
In **1979 Keith Hopkins** was State Champion at the Iowa Association of School Administrators Golf Tournament.
1956 Jurine Borton Moore, in 1976 was honored by IGHSAU as "an advisory Committee member whose research and study gave beyond that of the normal to the general welfare of the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union".
1956 Ron Otto was honored in 2004 by Lt. Gov. Sally Peterson for 45 years of service to the Iowa Dept of Transportation by the State of Iowa.
1957 Art Borton named as a 1968 Outstanding Iowa Jr Farmer. (One of two for the State)

ROYALTY:

1930 Margaret Hereim ('29) Gilreath (Mrs Williard Gilreath) represented Milford Twp in the Diamond Jubilee in 1928, the 75th celebration of the founding of Story County. Irene Rasmusson (Mrs Howard Jacobson) was the representative in this same pageant from the McCallsburg school but lived in Richland Twp.
1951 John Wakefield('51) and Ruth Warren('54) were selected as the King and Queen of Hearts at a February Valentine's event in Milford Twp.
1952 Bonny Rierson Crowned All College Sweetheart for Simpson College in 1952, her freshman year.
1954 Ruth Warren was Milford Twp's queen candidate for the 1953 Story County Centennial Celebration.
1955 Dale Hughes, while at Oklahoma University, was an escort for the 1958 Sun Bowl Queen.
1956 Jurine Borton was a member of the Homecoming Royalty for Iowa Wesleyan College in 1959.
1959 Connie Petersen won the 1959 "Miss Story City" Beauty Contest as Milford Twp's representative.
1961 Janice Radabaugh (Borton wife of Art '57) was the 1959 Iowa Queen of the Furrow.

1962 Gary Brooks (son of Lester '32)- Elected Nevada High School Homecoming King and the Queen **Mary Olinger** (daughter of Wayne('33) later married Ron Pauley('60).
1963 Carolyn Van Zee Queen and **Linda Brooks**; Nevada homecoming Queen and Court.
1964 Marsha Rasmusson (daughter of Jeff '32) in Nevada High School Homecoming Royal Court.
1964 Wayne Tjernagel in Nevada High School Homecoming Royal Court.
1965 Dennis Brooks (son of LaVern '40) in Nevada High

School Homecoming Royal Court.
1966 Barbara Jacobson in Nevada High School Homecoming Royal Court.
1967 Dean Twedt (son of Amil'33)-Elected Nevada High School Homecoming King.
1978 Rick Borton (son of Art '57 and Janice Radabaugh Borton '61) won the 1965 King of Des Moines Children's Health Competition at the age of five.
1995 Melissa Kay Jacobson (daughter of Robert "Jake or Bob"57) Story County Fair Queen and candidate for the Iowa State Fair Queen.

GRAND MARSHALL or other Parade Recognition:
Lincoln Highway Days GRAND MARSHALL:
1990 Carl 'Shorty' and Leah Johnson (staff 1946-'50)
2006 Jim and Dorothy Olson ('50) Christy
Lincoln Highway Days OUTSTANDING CITIZENS:
1986 Verna Borton
2006 Bill & Nancy Couser
Red Oak H.S. Homecoming GRAND MARSHALL:
2006 Vernon ('56) and Sandra Mortvedt ('57) Olson

1986 Verna Borton waves at the folks for the Lincoln Highway Days Parade. Note in the background the cabins of a travel court that was on the north side of the Lincoln Highway in east Nevada.

SOME DESCENDENTS in ROYALTY, HONORS OR AWARD ACTIVITIES:

Glen Egland's'43 granddaughters Kris Bailey in **1991**, and Jolene Bailey in 1994, (daughters of Kathy Egland '65 and granddaughters of Glen '43) each were selected as Miss Hamilton County and were candidates for the Iowa State Fair Queen competition. Kris in 1991, was selected as the 1st Runner-up in the Iowa State Fair Queen Competition.

Alan Twedt's '57 daughter, Stephanie Grace Twedt (granddaughter of Amil'33) a 1984 graduate of South East Polk, Altoona, Ia. 1) 1983-'84 selected on the Miss Drill Team Iowa. 2) 1983 selected on the All-American Drill Team. 3) 1984, '85 and '86 selected and performed with the Adventureland Dance Team Summer Performances Crew. 4) 1986 won the Miss Polk County contest. 5)1987 performed for six months with the Zygosolis Dance Group in Nice, France.

Art Borton's '57 grandson Lance, 2008N was in the Nevada Homecomeing Royal Court.

Ol' Milford Farmer hear when Indian Chief Shortcake died, squaw bury Shortcake.

Some Milford People

"Grandma" Morfey

Grandma Morfey is recognized in 1955.
The 1954 "Spotlight", the School annual, was dedicated to Mrs E.G. "Grandma" Morfey.

"Grandma" Morfey, a long time Milford Twp resident and everyone's grandmother, is presented a plaque at a PTA meeting in Oct of 1955 by Superintendent Keith Hopkins with the longtime seventh and eighth grade teacher, Mrs Petersen, looking on.

"Grandma" Morfey's name was Bertha Elsie (Portor) Morfey. She was married to E.G. "Ted" Morfey and they moved to Milford Twp in 1903. They lived in section 33 south of the Milford Consolidated School two and a half miles on the west side of the road. They had one youngster, Ross.

Grandma Morfey's obituary (She died in 1963 at the age of 87) mentions just the cold facts but doesn't mention her great interest in Milford Twp and her sincere interest in the young people of Milford Twp and how she attended such a large percentage of the events that were held in the Milford Consolidated School gym--how she had a warm smile for every student and whether she actually did it or not, a loving pat on the back for those who had succeeded in some task, and the same loving pat for those who might not have done as well as they would have liked to have done. Yes, she was everyone's Grandma.

Her husband, Edward George, E.G., was from England and was among the early school board members in the consolidated school.

Bertha and E.G.'s son, Ross, was married to Grace Anderson in 1923 and were the parents of Russell born in 1927 ('44); Donald 1928 ('46); and Marlene, 1939 ('57). They all attended the Milford Twp school. Marlene also had attended the Nevada Academy for a few years.

In Sept 1931, fire destroyed a large barn , double corn crib, granary and large hog house, machinery shed and straw stack on the Ross Morfey farm, a short quarter mile south of the Milford Twp. School on the east side of the road. There was no telephone at the Morfey farm so a call to the Nevada fire dept was made from a neighbor's house. The same year, in the spring, the farm house on the E.G. Morfey farm, 2 1/2 miles south of Milford School, was destroyed by fire. The home was rebuilt that summer and four generations of the Morfey family have lived there- E.G. and Bertha, Ross and Grace, Marlene, and Russell Carlton.

ISU Distinguished Professors
Bivens & Warren
1983
Both were active Milford Hustlers 4-H Club members and leaders.

Gordon Bivens 1944

Richard Warren 1948

Adapted from the Ames Tribune of 3 June 1983:

Harvard, Princeton, ***Milford Township****, Yale, Stanford. These are but a few of the many high quality educational institutions in this country that have produced successful professionals.* (Edit: From this printed copy comparative, many Milfordites have since proudly referred to our Milford Twp Alumni as being from Milford University. It could also be stated here that Curtiss Hall on the campus of ISU was named after a former Milford Twp youth, Charles Curtiss, who became a teacher in a Milford Twp's rural school before he became a renowned Professor of Agriculture at Iowa State.*)*

While Milford Township Consolidated School may not sound like it belongs on that list, last month it suddenly emerged as an efficient Iowa State University professor factory, even though it hasn't actually been a school for more than 20 years.

The building northeast of Ames hasn't been Milford Township Consolidated School since 1961. Today (1983) it houses Nevada School District sixth graders. But in its prime, this school without a town turned

out two Iowa State University distinguished professors-to-be in just four years.

But that's only the beginning. Not only are Richard Warren and Gordon Bivens both Milford Township grads and professors at Iowa State, last month they were named as two of 1983's Iowa State's seven distinguished professors. Distinguished professor is one of the most prestigious awards an educator can receive.

"I guess you could call it a unique situation," said Warren, Milford Township salutatorian in 1948 and director for Studies in Education at Iowa State since 1979, Warren is currently a nationally recognized leader in educational research and statistics.

"I was really surprised when I heard we both were (distinguished professors)," Warren said. "The first thing I thought when the names were announced was how strange it was. And when I returned to my office, there was a message on my desk to call Gordon Bivens. We had a good talk about it."

Bivens said he also thinks the situation is quite unusual. "It immediately ran through my mind that it was unusual for both of us to be (distinguished professors) in the same year," Bivens said.

There were only 11 Milford Twp graduates in 1944, Gordon was both the President of his class and the valedictorian. Richard was the salutatorian for the class of seven in 1948. The only other boy in his class was President, Bill Allen, who owns Allen Construction in Ames.

Although Warren said most high school graduates in the 1940s didn't attend college, he said there was a strong feeling from both parents and students at Milford that education was very important. "For me, it wasn't a question of whether to go to college, it was where."

Bivens also said the quality of education at Milford was exceptional. "The teachers had a tremendous personal interest in the students," he said. "I would like to think that has rubbed off on me, making me a better teacher."

Both men received their B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Iowa State.

Warren is a nationally recognized leader in educational research and statistics. He has written more than 70 publications and has presented more than 50 papers in sociology and education. Prior to joining the College of Education as professor and director of the Research for Studies in Education in 1979, He served as professor of statistics and sociology at ISU. He has been a member of the ISU faculty since 1963. ISC became ISU in 1959.

Bivens is a nationally known consumer/family economist. He has served as member of the policy board for the Journal of Consumer Research and is co-author of a textbook on "Consumer Choice; The Economics of Personal Living". He is also a board member for Consumer Union, the publisher of "Consumer Reports". He served as head of the Department of Family Environment for four years.

Edit: The Bivens family lived one and a half mile west of Milford Twp School on the north side of the road. The Warren family lived two miles north and about one and a half miles west of Milford School or about half a a mile east of the Pleasant Grove Church on the north side of the road.

Gordon is a co-author of the book "Consumer Choice" by Harcourt and Bruce and has had columns in two papers- "The Nevada Journal" and "O'Brian Co Belle" of Primghar Iowa.

Related incident:

In July 1939, just after the family had moved to Milford Twp from North Grant, the Bivens family suffered the loss of one of their sons, Gordon's only brother, Mark, who died of a ruptured appendix at the age of 17. Mark had continued at North Grant with the expectation of graduating in that community. Gordon still mockingly speaks the words of one of the doctors when he says--"Son, quit your bellyachin' about your belly aching." And so, too much time was lost and thus a youth was lost.

From **Juanita Warren '50 Behm** in May of 2001:

I started Milford School at the age of 5 along with two cousins, Lois Warren and Joan Cooper, and we all 3 graduated in the same class in 1950. I believe the interest of sports kept my grades up. I was on the honorable mention in 1949 and 1950 for the County Basketball team I belonged to M.M.M. and Milford Hustlers 4-H clubs.

Going back to Milford brings back many happy monmories and since being related to so many almost like a big familly Reunion! a Milford Fan. Juanita

Edit: She was the Mother of 4 boys and 2 girls and had moved to Southern Illinois and operated a A-W Root Beer Stand. She died in 2004 after a 50 year marriage.

Ol' Milford Farmer learn: Words that soak into folks' ears are whispered..... not yelled.

Coach Ev Cochrane Extraordinaire/ Dauntless

Ev Cochrane 1953-'56

A well-known coach for Milford Township Consolidated School in the mid-1950s, Ev Cochrane was born in Des Moines, grew up in Beaverdale, and attended Des Moines Tech High School where he starred in football, baseball, and basketball. As a senior in 1946-'47, Ev was named on both the First All-State Football and Basketball Teams. Ev played freshman college football and basketball at Drake. After his first year at Drake he transferred to join the Hawkeyes. Ev continued his collegiate basketball career and was a regarded Iowa player for his three years. Ev's senior year the Hawkeyes finished with a 19-3 season. He graduated from University of Iowa in 1952. Ev did later earn his Master's Degree at Drake University.

A successful career in coaching began for Coach Cochrane when he secured a coaching position at Milford Township in 1953 and for three years led the school's boys' and girls' teams to some of their most successful records in the school's history against great odds. Considering that one year there were only 13 girls in grades 9-12, it was truly amazing how Coach Cochrane managed to put together winning teams for Milford Township as often as he did. Team members, when remembering his reign at Milford, mention his wisdom, sense of humor, patience, calmness under pressure, and his desire that his players both consistently improve and "have a little fun" while out on the floor. He had the ability to inspire his "cagers" without their noticing this input. He taught sports, and life's lessons, by example- with politeness and a relaxed reassuring voice coupled with a pleasant mannerism of confidence.

While at Milford he also was principal and taught sociology and even in his classroom and study hall, the students addressed him as "Coach". This was his title- out of respect by his students, and it seemed as though he really enjoyed this title. He also provided countless opportunities for athletes to observe recognized team games and setup extra scrimmage games. He had much respect for his wife, Marge, who worked in an office in Des Moines where they lived. However, she too was a loyal Milford supporter attending many of the games, often with their friend, Jeanette Haas, AAU All-American basketballer from AIB.

Coach Cochrane's 1953-54 Milford Twp girls' team achieved a runner-up in the sectional tournament and a third place in the county tournament. Ev started competitive softball in 1955. During his tenure at Milford Twp he had some great scoring contests and in his 1955 and 1956 seasons, his team scored over 100-points in three games. The 1956 boys' squads were crowned Story County Basketball Champs.

In the spring of 1956, following an after-season scrimmage with Marshalltown, Marshalltown saw the potential of Cochrane's abilities and talents, and hired him. There he continued leading young players to greatness and won back-to- back state championships for Marshalltown in 1960 and 1961.

Ev later coached at Northern Illinois University from 1961 to 1965. There he began building a successful insurance business before moving to Ames in 1968.

A respected and prominent business man, Ev also made his mark in real estate development. By 2004 he had provided some 850 units of housing for ISU including two impressive high rises. He was also respected for his generosity to numerous charities and organizations including Youth and Shelter service, and Ames Habitat. The Cochrane family, (wife Marge, and children Evy and Michelle) fulfilled Ev's original pledge to sponsor the Iowa Hall of Pride boys basket-

ball display. A generous and kind man, Ev Cochrane died, after a short bout with leukemia, on August 10, 2004.

It could be noted, both Ron Otto and Jurine Borton, from the class of 1956, named their first children with Cochranes in mind. Ron's son's middle name is Everett and Jurine's daughter, Mashall Rana, born in 1962, after the Cochranes had their daughter Michelle. This was following Ev's back to back state championships at Marshalltown.

Jurine Borton 1956

Excelled in 4-H and Basketball

Jurine Borton set school scoring records from 1952-'56. She played basketball as an eighth grader and had a 33 point performance for Coach Petersen. For St Anthony, her Dad, Roy, as a senior, had also scored 33 points in the same New Liberty gym used in 1929. In the summer of 1952 she experienced a bout with polio between 8th and 9th grades. It became a personal, physical challenge to be active and accurate again. It didn't come easy, and she reports her freshman season was nearly hopeless, she averaged 4 PPG and usually played in the guard court. As a sophomore in Ev Cochrane's first year at Milford Twp she averaged 18 points per game and her junior year she averaged 26 points with a 60% field goal mark. While scoring a 33 point average her senior year Jurine exhibited a variety of Coach Ev Cochrane's offensive moves and shot. She set a Story County scoring record of 57 points on the home court against United Community (a 1956 sweet sixteen state contender recognized for their strong defense). That record stood on the county record book until 1961. Her record of 22 consecutive free throws was set in a game at Gilbert the same winter of 1956. (Milford won; 76-48)

In the fall of her senior year, Jurine's eight years of 4-H work with the Milford Merry Maids (she had also had an eight year record book for the Milford Hustlers, which was considered a separate entity) was recognized as the best 4-H Record Book in Iowa for 1955. She attempted to turn down her invitation to attend the National 4-H Club Congress in Nov 1955, because she didn't want to miss three ball games. Then, Supt Hopkins and Coach Cochrane not only intervened, telling her she needed to 'get off the farm', but she was given a Samsonite suitcase at a special HS Assembly. While at the week-long event Jurine was one of seven Iowa National 4-H Scholarship recipients. She later formally requested to have her award transferred and was the first in the nation to use a National 4-H Scholarship at a college other than a land grant University. Later Jurine served on the Iowa 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees for the maximum of 6 years, 1994-2000,

Coach Ev Cochrane encouraged her to go to Iowa Wesleyan College and traveled there and helped her enroll. Her college basketball career of playing with Iowa's best- including Sandy Fiete, Garnavillo; Glenda Nicholson, Maynard and Gilbert's Clea Reinsch- resulted in being a part of IWC's best ever women's' team that finished Runner-Up in the National AAU Tournament. (IWC was the only Iowa college to offer women's sports at that time despite Iowa having the most extensive high school girls athletic program in the nation.) But disappointedly her college cage career ended with a 10-day stay in the Henry Co Hospital to dissolve a 'grand' blood clot in her leg after a collision on the court during an IWC practice. She later was able to participate in some college intramural intercollegiate athletics; basketball, volleyball and field hockey for Iowa Wesleyan, usually against Parsons.

In her teaching career, Jurine used her double majors in Home Economics and Physical Education. She initiated the girls athletic program at Keystone and Marion where she taught and coached; basketball, softball, track and/or volleyball. Including her experience at Springville she coached for 18 years. She served on the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union Advisory Board for Track or Girls and Womens Sports 1968-'86.

In the early seventies Jurine initiated a state wide survey on track for E. Wayne Cooley and IGHSAU that literally put girls athletics in every high school in Iowa, for which she was awarded a plaque in 1976 (See Awards and Honors page 206). In 1978 and again in 1979 Jurine represented Iowa and the IGHSAU at the national annual meeting of Girls and Womens Sports in Washington D.C. to determine the demise of the six or five player girls basketball game nationwide.

After a 25 year career in education, including two years in ISU County Extension work in Iowa and Linn Counties, Jurine served as a mediator during the Iowa farm crises in 1985. That experience provided the background for another 20 year career as a business consultant in Iowa and 15 other states.

While on the Iowa Wesleyan College Alumni Board from 2001-2007 Jurine helped initiate the IWC Athletic Hall of Fame and promoted that all 12 All-American Female IWC Athletes and Coaches Ruble and Bowers be the initial Inductees in 2004.

Jurine was involved in the transition from 6 player girls basketball to the 5 player game. In 1978 and '79 she was to Washington DC for the hearings on nation wide adoption of the five player game. In 1993 the last 6 player tournament in Iowa was played with Hubbard Radcliffe winning.

Jurine has always been grateful for her Milford Twp experiences, the teachers and 4-H leaders. Since the early nineties, and even before, Jurine has become known by the friends and alumni of Milford Twp Cons School as the "go-to" person for reunions or any other information concerning Milford Township Consolidated High School.

Master in Charge

Supt Keith Hopkins 1954-1957

Supt Keith D. Hopkins
Master In Charge

Keith Hopkins served at Milford Twp as Superintendent from the fall of 1954 through the spring of 1957. Keith Dean Hopkins, son of Delbert and Lillian Hopkins, passed away with leukemia at the age of 76 years and seven months on the first of August 2000 in Ankeny Iowa. He attended Dysart Community School District in Dysart, Iowa and graduated in 1941. He served in the U.S. Navy for three years. He received his BA degree from Upper Iowa University at Fayette, Iowa and his Masters degree in School Administration in 1954 from Drake University. His professional background includes teaching at Barnes City, Iowa, and Melcher, Iowa. During his first superintendency, which was at Milford Twp (1954-1957), the new gymnasium was approved on the first vote in the winter of 1955-'56, and was ready for use in December of 1956 despite a steel strike that hampered it's opening as expected in the early fall. Following his tenure at Milford Twp, he was Supt at Kanawha, Iowa, for three years.

In July of 1960 Keith was hired by the Ankeny Community School Board and served 26 years as Superintendent of Ankeny Community Schools before retiring in June 1986. He actively served on the Prairie Meadows Race Track and Casino Board of Directors from 1984 until his death in 2000.

Keith Hopkins was one of few school administrators in Iowa to serve on the boards of both the IGHSAU and the boys IHSAA. He was a highly regarded as a natural leader, and served at the helm in everything he touched. He served as chair for 24 consecutive years (at the helm) for Story, Hancock, and Polk County Superintendents' groups, conducted 14 successful school bond issues beginning with that of the new Milford Twp gym and remodeling addition in 1956. The 1957 "Spotlight", the school annual, was dedicated affectionately to "Hoppy", Mr Keith D. Hopkins, 3 year Superintendent at Milford Twp.

Mr Hopkins was also very active in community affairs, being honored as citizen of the year for Ankeny in 1967. He was very athletic as well as a competitive person. In 1979 he was the Iowa Association of School Administrators Golf Champion!

He always had much pride in his family. His wife, Colleen, served as a leader for the Milford Merry Maids 4-H Club and his young children, Robin, Renee, and Michael were a part of Milford Twp school. He retained his pride in the Milford Community and always spoke highly of our community when he was asked to speak at our township reunions.

Multi-tasking Janitor

Mr Vic Pauley 1955-1961

Here we see the multi-talented and multi-tasking Vic Pauley straightening a door, checking for the appropriate softness of a pillow, reading a newspaper to keep current on the items of interest, and resting-- all at the same time. Vic was the janitor at Milford Twp, 1955-'61. He continued as custodian in the Milford facility after the Nevada merger.

Vic and his wife, Hazel, who served as a cook at Milford for 17 years (Milford Twp 1955-'61 and after the merger for the Nevada Comm School system in the Milford facility), were married for 49 years and were the parents of seven children. Four were students who attended Milford Twp School; Shirley (who would have graduated in 1956 had she stayed at Milford), Doris '58, Ron '60 and Geri '62. Doris and Ron graduated at Milford Twp. The youngest, Geri, graduated with the first class to merge with Nevada in 1962.

The three older girls that did not attend Milford were Virginia '46, Violet '48 and Iva '50. Their daughter, Doris, married classmate Earl Otto '58 and their son, Ron, married Mary Olinger, daughter of Wayne '38. Mary was in the class of 1963 and was the 1962 Nevada Homecoming Queen.

The 1960 annual, "The Spotlight" was dedicated to Mr Vic Pauley who passed away in 1978.

Milford Held High Standards

Edit: Educational standards have greatly changed over the years. Within the 12 year time-frame of each class there was an average of 1 1/2 students retained for a year. On the other hand only two students were known to have been advanced a scholastic grade. Art Sorem '52, was advanced a grade as was Alice Grindem '52 when they were in Jr High. Art commented that it wasn't any real favor, at least for a boy, to be so young for athletics or to graduate at such an early age.

Intrepid Jr. High Leader

Mrs Jessie Petersen 1944-1961

Mrs Jessie (Johnson) Petersen taught seventh and eighth grade, junior high, at our great school for sixteen years, 1944-1961. She was there from the end of WWII through the closing of Milford Twp as a thirteen year institution of higher learning.

She started her teaching career at a one room school, Willow Grove, south of Story City. Some have thought she could write a book on dealing with the personal development and character of Junior High age young adults.

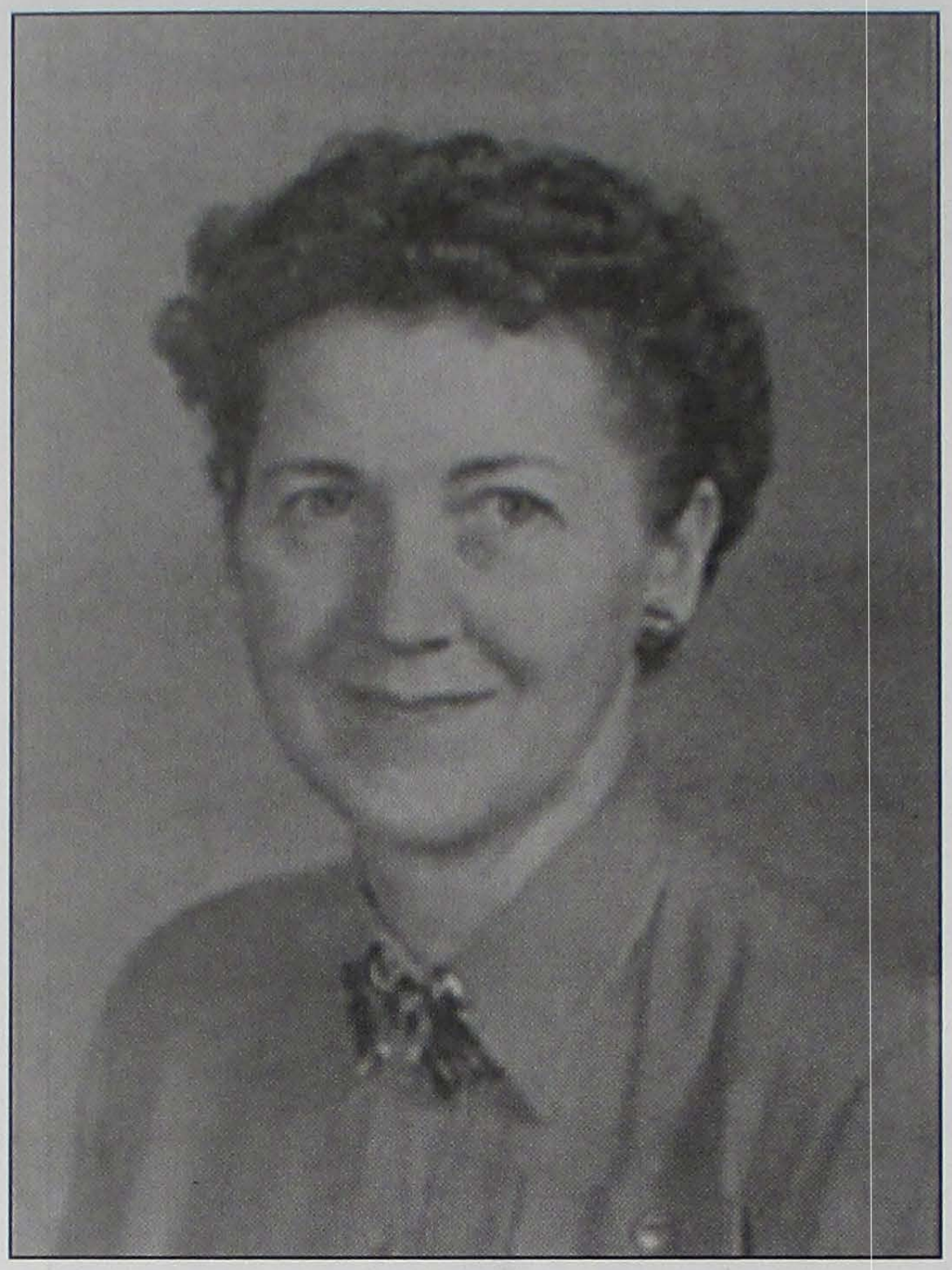
She completed 16 years of teaching at Milford Twp and was the last Jr. High teacher at Milford Twp when the school closed in 1961.

Mrs Petersen served as chaperone for many years for the High School girls sports teams and the Jr High sports teams.

The 1951 "Messenger", the school annual, was dedicated to Mrs Jessie Petersen.

Another picture on page 190.

Meticulous in Expectations



Mrs Lois Sandell 1951-1959

Mrs Lois Sundean Sandell taught English, Home Economics, and "counseled" students about life. She was at Milford Twp for eight years from fall 1951 through spring of 1959 before going to the Nevada School system. Her expectations in garment construction resulted in excellent work by the girls in her classes and they were proud to use these results in the annual occasion of a "style show" --complete with several somewhat (very?) self-conscious boys as escorts.

Former students, both at Milford and Nevada, continue to express appreciation for her guidance in the classroom and life's domestic experiences.

Her husband, Howard, was the Story County Director of Human Services and was recruited by Mrs Sandell to play the piano for background music for her well-produced Style Shows.

Mrs Sandell, a master of calligraphy, tediously wrote the graduates' names on many of the Graduation Pictures from the early days of Milford High School.

The 1956 "Spotlight", the school annual, was dedicated "affectionately" to Mrs Howard Sandell.

Popular Kindergarten Teacher

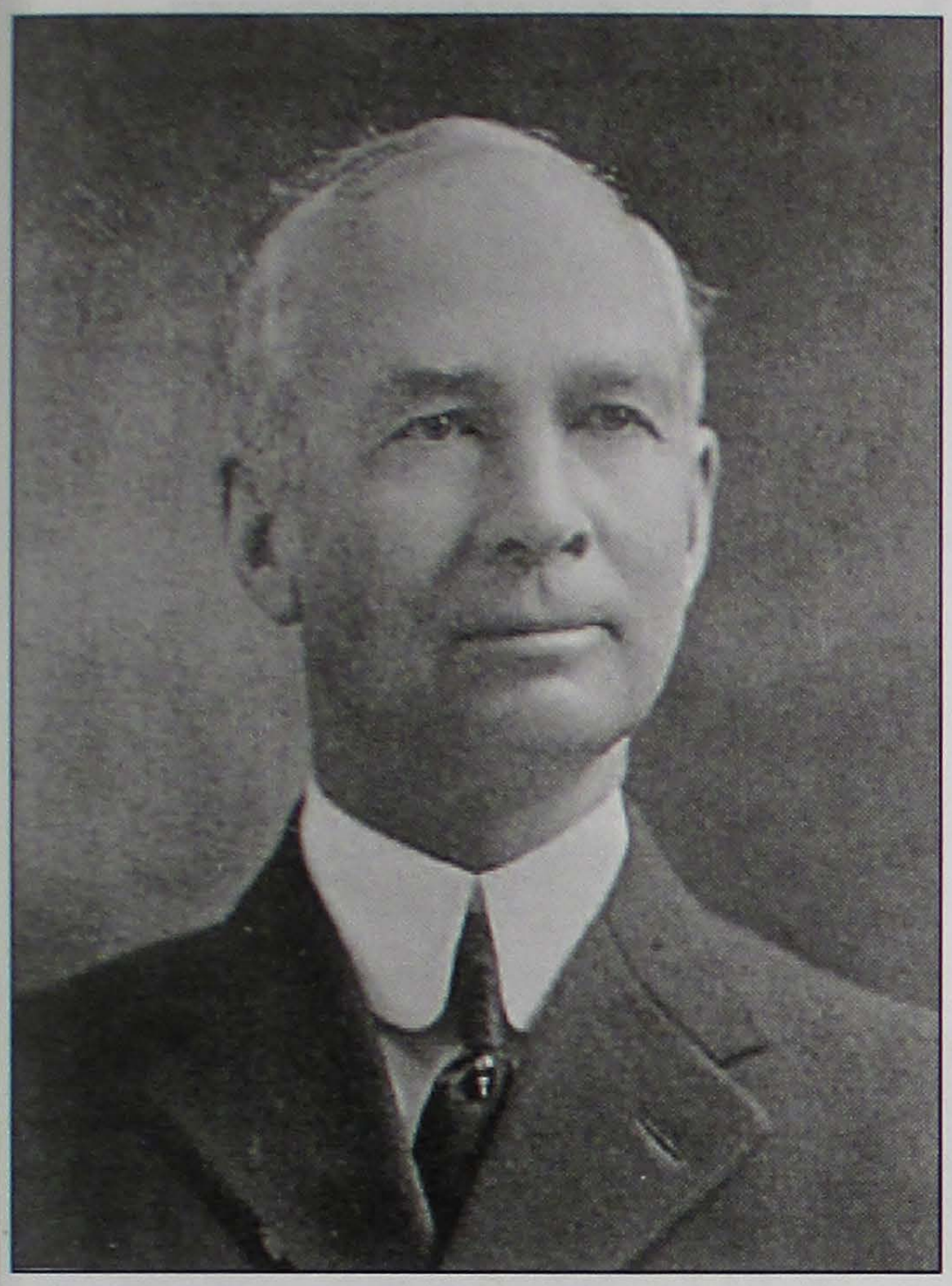
Mrs Mary Allen 1954-1961

Mrs Mary (McCall) Allen (wife of Phillip Allen). Mrs Allen was the first full day Kindergarten teacher at Milford. She started in Jan of 1955 and continued at her post for eight years until the closing of Milford Twp School in 1961. She was very caring and presented a motherly figure that radiated love and concern for her young students. She was the wife of Phil Allen who farmed and lived one mile east and three quarters south of the school.

Vicki Tendall started kindergarten in 1954 and writes; "My, how we all loved Mrs Allen, Milford's famous kindergarten teacher. You can't imagine what a "mama's girl" I was. And I was extremely bashful. Another classmate of mine, Mary Kay Larsen, also was a bit of a "momma's girl" as we two girls would sit on each of Mrs. Allen's knees for the better part of the school day! I would have never made it through that first school year without Mrs Allen! Poor Mrs Allen had all five of us Tendall Kids ..... At Christmas time, when my youngest brother was in her class, my Mother decided to give her a nice gift from al of us. She bought her a silver serving tray with our names printed on it; "The Tendalls". I sure wish I knew where that platter is today. I think if I had six more teachers like her, I would have enjoyed school better. Mrs Allen was great!"

Below: Mrs Allen doing one of the things she enjoyed most in the new addition to the school in 1958. Mr and Mrs Allen were the parents of three Milford Township students- Jane '50, David '55, & Eddie '58.

ISC Dean



Charles F. Curtiss 1863-1946
Milford One Room School # 4 1882-1886
Department Head 1896-1902
1st ISC Dean of Agriculture 1902-1932

Charles F. Curtiss was the first Dean of Agriculture at Iowa State College. It would be easy to believe his first name was "Dean" because, for a large portion of his life, and much of the time since his death, the two names were simply used almost as one- Dean Curtiss. His name was often mentioned as the man to be President of the College, but in a sequence of actions, that would have to be seen as simply political, he was bypassed.

Charles F. Curtiss grew up on the southeast quarter of Sec 16 of Milford Twp and his parents owned the quarter section just to the west of the Center School which later, 1920, became the chosen site of the Milford Twp Consolidated Schools. At one time the Center School was called Curtiss School although the Curtiss family never owned the southwest corner of Sec 15. This would imply that Frank Curtiss, Charles' Dad, was the director of that institution. In the 1880's they owned the quarter west of the school, the quarter southwest of the school and the "80" south of the school. In the 1880's, besides the building site on the north side of the road, there was a set of buildings on the south side of the road a half mile to the west of the Center School.

Charles, upon finishing his schooling in Milford Twp's Center School, graduated from Nevada High School with the class of 1882. He then taught school at School Number 4 in Milford Twp for four years. He earned a B.S. degree in 1887 from ISC and was on the faculty by 1891 and received a M.S. from ISC in 1892, one of three granted before 1900. He received a D.S. in Agriculture from Michigan Ag College in 1907. By 1916, Professor Curtiss was a renown livestock judge and was invited to, and went to, Argentina to judge the National Livestock Show feeder cattle competition.

Charles Curtiss' father, Frank, was a state representative from our district in the late 1870's. Frank Curtiss had moved his family to Milford Twp in 1865 from Galena, Illinois.

Curtiss Street in Ames is named after Charles Curtiss as was the large agriculture building on the campus at Iowa State. This was done either in 1944 (one source) or in 1947.

In the summer of 1934, in the Memorial Union at the College, there was a huge "compliment dinner" in honor of Dean Curtiss. Deans and Presidents of Universities from around the upper Midwest, President the Federal Land Bank, President of Armour and Company and a host of others were on hand. In addition hundreds of agricultural leaders from around the world contributed letters to a huge testimonial book which will be presented to Dean Curtiss.

The newspaper almost made it sound like a "tongue in cheek" effort but apparently in 1920 the famous evangelist from Story County, Billy Sunday, was running as the "Dry" ticket candidate for President of the US of A. He was announcing his cabinet selections before the election and Charles Curtiss would have been the man for the Sec of Agriculture position. "I used to go to school to him. He was Dean of Agriculture at Ames, Iowa." Sunday wasn't elected.

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A Milford graduate from before the War relates;

A Milford farmer and his wife were headed for Des Moines one day in their open sedan automobile when a highway patrolman pulled him over and said, "Sir, do you realize your wife fell out of the car several miles back?"

To which the Milford Farmer replied, "Thank God, I thought I had gone deaf!"

Master Plowman

1966 Rodney and Herb Plambeck-WHO Radio

Rodney Hansen '52, entered the 1966 plowing contest probably just because he lived near the local level contest site and had time during the half time of a football game he was watching to go register as a contestant. And this was after the promoters of the local match had called him.

So, the next day he took the ol' plow (an IH 4-14) out of the shed and fired up the Farmall 656 gas burning tractor and the rest is history----After he won the local level contest, he won the state contest, and then he won the national "big plow" level land division of the National Plowing Match of 1966. This was the first time the "big plow" catagory had been held.

The Iowa (State) and National contests were held on 8 and 9 Sept 1966 at the 1100 acre AgriRama site east of Jefferson Iowa. One had to win at the state level to compete at the National level. There was no international competition in 1966.

Rodney and his family lived near Prole, Iowa at the time.

Rex Hughes going to mow in Sec 14 in circa 1947.

Supreme Court Justice

T. Eugene Thornton

Justice Iowa Supreme Court
Born June 27, 1911, in Omaha, Nebr. Graduated from Melford Township high school, Nevada, Iowa, 1930; graduated from Creighton University Law School, Omaha, 1936. Lieutenant in United States Navy 1943 to 1945. Practiced law in Waterloo until election to Supreme Court November, 1958. Married Marguerite Rahe in Cedar Rapids, June, 1939. Six children: William, Margene, Kathy, Vicki, Dan and John. Member Catholic Church. Member Knights of Columbus, Elks, National Council of Catholic Men, American Legion, Amvets. Democratic county chairman 1948-50.

Eugene Thornton lived with the Curtis family south of Milford School. His Dad was a doctor in Waterloo but Eugene lived with his uncle in Milford Twp while he was in high school. He graduated in the same class as his cousin, Genevieve Curtis, in 1930.

Eugene was best remembered by the folks of Milford Township for his talent in theatrical productions; in his Junior class play, "Who wouldn't be Crazy", he played the part of 'Pluribus' a colored man. Also, when he served as a lawyer in several mock trials in the government class he won all his cases; ------but perhaps most notable, he was a Milford cheerleader! He also lettered in basketball in 1929! It seems as though Judge Thornton got a very good start at good ol' Milford "University" in the world of drama that might naturally lead him into the theatrics of the courtroom.

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Some Milford Love Stories

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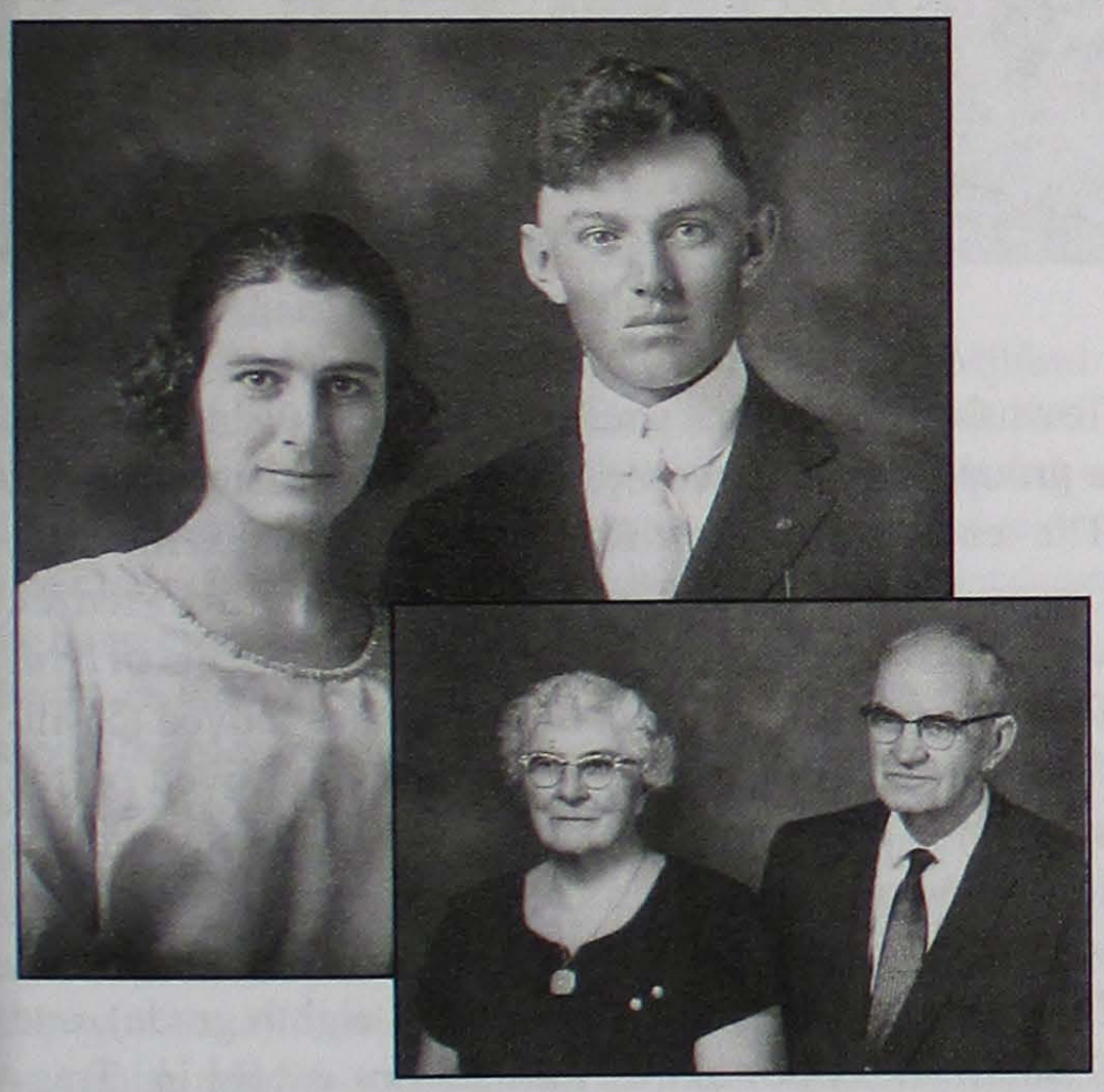
Paul and Hattie Comfort

Mr and Mrs Paul Comfort, who lived a mile and a quarter north of Milford from 1936 until 1973, represent to many, a true, heart touching love story.

As they were growing older and had been married for over sixty years, they retired from the farming business, sold their farm and moved to Nevada.

A few years later, when she passed away, he joined her just a few weeks afterwards; many thought simply from a broken heart. During their married life, they never spent a night apart for well over 50 years until one of them went into a hospital.



Hattie and Paul
Wedding Day and 60th Anniversary
1920-1980

Hattie — **Paul**
30 Nov 1894 — **8 Nov 1894**
22 Jan 1989 — **12 Mar 1989**

4 February 1920

Joe Alfred and Mabel Hansen

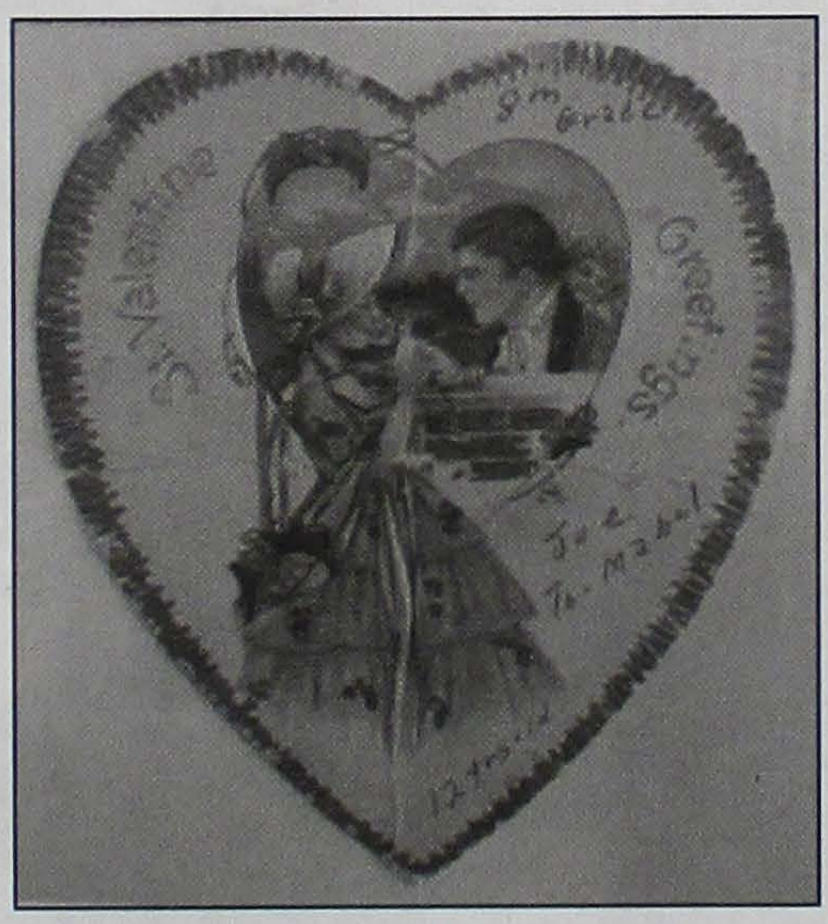
This photo was taken of an apparently self-conscious Joe Alfred and Mabel Hansen when they were in the first grade at Milford Twp. The photo was taken in front of one of the oneroom schools that had been moved to the Sec 15 site.

Full view of photo on following page.

Joe's family lived one mile west and about a half mile north of Milford Consolidated School while Mabel's family lived a mile south and just over one mile east of the school.

They graduated together in 1932, married in 1936 and were married for about fifty years.

The fellow between Joe and Mabel in the second row is Otis Cole who was to become a long time Milford Twp resident.



The Valentine Joe gave Mabel when she was 12.

When Joe wrote in Mabel's Memory Book when they graduated in 1932, he wrote, " Dear Mabel, As long as I live I'll never forget you or regret that I met you." A couple pictures of Joe on page 218.

Full view of photo taken in 1920 when students were in the first grade at the new relocation of the one room schools. Used for close-up on the previous page. Of this class of 35, 17 graduated in 1932, making this the largest graduating class in the history of Milford Township Consolidated School. This is the only known picture of one of the wood one room schools that stood in Milford Twp and this picture is not of the school when it was in its original place. It's not known which of the 8 wooden schools this is. Note the bus wagon just barely on the right side of the School.

Joe Alfred about 24 years later

Joe Alfred at work, "on duty", and Joe Alfred "on leave" during WWII. He was stationed in Germany and the scene at right appears to be stateside.

Some Milford Marriages

Supt Morgan, in the fall of 1931, surprised the student body when he announced he had wed Jessie Storie. The couple was in Topeka, Kansas for the event. She had been a teacher in Tabor(?) for the previous two years. No mention is made how they had gotten to know each other.

Coach married teacher: **Arvid Lein** 1930-'34 **Rena Mauch** 1931-'33.

Myron Larsen '35 Bus Driver and Farmer married a Milford Teacher, **Ruth Hauser** 1938-1941.

Perhaps the only Milford High School student that married their teacher was **Alice Grindem** '52, who wed **Gerald Petersen**, coach at Milford for one year 1951-'52. Two years later, in a Christmas Card exchange, a romance was kindled and their marriage in 1955 has joined many others from Milford by acheiving the 50 year mark. He became a Medical Doctor and she was a nurse.

Site of a Blossoming Romance

The William Stevensons

This beautiful photo, actually taken in Warren Township Four miles southeast of McCallsburg, shows a group of young people, two of whom later are wed. The teacher, the tallest fellow in the photo, William A. Stevenson and the first girl to his left, Bertha Menzel, were later wed and became long time residents of Milford Township. The William Stevensons moved to Milford Township in the Spring of 1923 and lived on the south side of section 26 on the north side of the road- just across the road from the county home farm. They were the parents of three Milford Students- Vera 32, Earl (Died, 1938, at 15 while in the eighth grade), and Richard 47. A portion of Earl's story is told in Tragedies in Milford Twp- 1938 Death- page74.

Vera started the Milford portion of her schooling in a one room school for the first several months of that first year. There were thirty-three students in this one class, however, by graduation time in 1932, the number had dropped to seventeen; but this still was the largest class to graduate from Milford Twp.

Destiny Fulfilled- A Story of Love
by Kenny Watson '47

The following story was authored by one of many of Milford's Golden Wedding Celebrators.

Some things are meant to be. So, can we say destiny may shape our lives? Such seems to be the case in this story of love between a young lady and young man who did not know each other and indeed had never seen one another.

The Watson family lived on a farm in the NE part of Milford Twp in the 1940's Their neighbor just to the south was Orville Chamberlain. His father, George lived in the community of Rhodes, Iowa. The Gardner family also lived near Rhodes and was acquainted with George Chamberlain. Orville was scheduled to move from the farm and the Gardners were to be the new tenants. Orville had told George that neighbor Watson had two young boys of high school age. George seized the opportunity to start teasing the fourth Gardner child, Phyllis, about having two boys for neighbors. Phyllis blushed rather easily which only encouraged more teasing.

The Gardners moved into Milford Twp in March 1945. Phyllis was a freshman- Ken, the youngest Watson, was a sophomore. The teasing continued and Phyllis' brother, Ronald, picked up on it and did his share.

The Watsons had previously lived south of Milford School close neighbors to Morfeys- Bertha and Ted. Ken had even stayed with them for a time when most of his family was hospitalized with pneumonia. Now, sever or eight years later, Morfeys availed themselves of Phyllis' services for housecleaning. Both Phyllis and Ken always referred to Bertha as Grandma Morfey. At the 50th wedding anniversary of the Morfeys they called on Phyllis to model Grandma Morfeys' wedding dress. At school functions Grandma had on occasion, put one arm around Phyllis and the other around Ken and announced "These are my kids" . Similar feelings were expressed by Lois Aarasmith who had also had Phyllis help with housecleaning and who knew Ken quite well as the Aarasmith and Watson families had been close friends for years.

By now Ronald had made friends with many of the youth of Milford twp including Russell and Don Morfey who joined in teasing Phyllis about Ken. Phyllis still blushed on these occasions.

Time went on and nothing seemed to be going on between Phyllis and Ken. Both were very bashful- it would take a lot of courage for either one to approach the other. Phyllis was now a senior and Ken was engaged in farming and drove the schoolbus in that part of the Twp. The Gardners were the last stop on the route home after School. It was at this last stop one day that Ken asked Phyllis if she would like to go to a movie with him. She said yes, and her younger sister, Norma Jean couldn't get to the house fast enough to announce the news to the rest of the family. Thus began a courtship that would continue for more than four years. Many of the people of the community seemed to think the two of them were meant for each other.

After graduation in 1948, Phyllis took a job as store-clerk in the dime store in Ames, then later as chairside dental assistant at the Buck Dental Clinic. Ken continued farming. In 1950 Gardners relocated to a farm near Dawson- west of Perry. Phyllis remained in Ames. June of that years saw the Korean War erupt and a few months later Ken rec'd his draft notice and was inducted into the Army in April 1951- sent to Ft. Sheridan, Ill then on to Ft Lee, Virginia for basic training and specialized schooling. Now it was courtship by mail. Three and a half months later Ken rec'd FECOM orders (Far East Command) and was given a ten day delay en-route leave. This allowed ten days for Phyllis and Ken to see each other and then it was off to war as an Infantry soldier with the Second Infantry division in North Korea.

Mail correspondence in an Infantry Company was difficult at best. At times you couldn't get letters sent out and mail rec'd would get bunched up. There was no phone service. It was a great comfort for Ken to get letters from Phyllis and know she was awaiting his return home. Nine months later Ken had earned the 36 points needed to rotate home and started the long slow journey to be reunited with the love of his life. The two of them had decided to get married upon his return. She knew he was on his way home but didn't know when he would arrive. It was Saturday and Ken knew that Phyllis would be in the stores in Ames with her mother shopping for clothing, so, arriving at the train depot he headed uptown to find her. He immediately ran into her father and found out Phyllis and Oma were across the street in Montgomery Wards. He entered and started down the aisle toward the rear of the store. Phyllis spotted him coming toward her and let out a scream that drew attention of everyone on that floor. One of the clerks was so taken with the emotional homecoming she witnessed she could hardly remain at work that day.

The two were married in a small church ceremony

20 August 1952
Ken '47 and Phyllis '48

at Dawson on Aug. 20, 1952. Ken had been granted a 30 day leave and at the end of that period they drove to Battle Creek Mich. and he reported for duty at Ft. Custer. A few days later he rec'd orders to report to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. They rented a one room cabin at a lodge just outside the base where Ken was to serve out his final six months of military duty. He had been drafted for 21 months military duty, extended to 24, but released with 21 because he had served a combat tour of duty.

Discharge papers were presented him at a small church on base at Leonard Wood to the accompaniment of a country western song in the background and the words 'So Long, Its been Good to Know You'. Now it was back to Milford Twp in a small tenant house on the Watson farm in January 1953 and the birth of their first born- a boy, in Sept of that year. Two and a half years later they were blessed with their second child- a girl. By this time Ken's parents had moved into Nevada and the young couple now occupied the main farmhouse. They managed to scrape together a small down payment on a farm south of Boone and relocated to that community late December 1957. Here two more children were born- a boy and then another girl. Farm prices were depressed and with four children to raise and a farm to pay for, it became necessary for Ken to seek outside employment- one year at Animal Husbandry Dept. at Iowa State University- then hired on as one of the first thirteen employees at the National Animal Disease Center at Ames- staying there for over 28 years.

It was during these years that the words of the wedding vows started being very prophetic- especially the firs part of the phrase "in sickness and in health". Both parties of this union suffered serious health problems and the other was always there with their love and support to see them through the bad time.

And so it is today as Phyllis and Ken live out their elderly years- with their love for each other stronger than ever- their children now raising families of their own and all the while maintaining a home where the children like to gather together again.

That's the way it was meant to be!

The Fred Gardner Family

Front: Shirley '46, Norma Jean (Dawson HS'52), Phyllis '48. Back: Ron (Rhodes HS '45), LeRoy '50, and Duane (Rhodes '43). Picture from about 1946.

Ron was well known by many in Milford Twp as the gasoline and fuel bulk delivery man for a distributor from Ames. He served our community for years in this task.

Duane received his High School Diploma from Rhodes in 1943- he was enrolled at ISC Ames his senior year. He became a naval officer and served 14 years in the Navy. Then he graduated from ISU Ames in Veterinary Medicine in 1963, with honors- he ranked 2nd in his class!

LeRoy was in the Navy- stationed in Chicago when he contracted tuberculosis. He was sent to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington D.C. for treatment and then to a Hospital in Asheville, N.C. for recovery- probably was in the hospital 2 years or more. Then he attended and graduated from college in Chapel Hill, N.C. He became Vice President of an Insurance Co.

Shirley (Milo Bylund) graduated from UNI, Cedar Falls with a 2 year degree in teaching. She later received her BA degree from Drake. She taught a total of 39 years- first at Viola Center and then at Audubon, Iowa.

Norma Jean (Howard Jacobsen) did office work in the accounting field.

Phyllis graduated from Milford in 1948 and wed, in Aug of 1952, a Milford lad, Ken Watson of the class of 1947.

Below is a picture of the Ken and Phyllis Watson family in 1975 with Randy, Cherie, Stacy and Lisa.

Some Larger Families

In 1900 there were 35 families in Milford Twp with six or more children. Several of the more recent families that had six or more children are featured on the following pages.

The Brooks Family in 1961

Picture taken by Dorris Brooks-wife of LaVern. Back row L. to R.: LaVern Brooks, Laverne Jacobson, Virginia and Mervin Brooks, Virgil and Maxine Brooks, Steve, Dennis, Ron. Middle: Don Brooks, Delores Brooks, Kathy Jacobson, Linda Brooks, Connie Brooks; Front: (All Brooks) Clint, David, Charlotte, Kevin, Loren, Brad, Charles 'Chuck', Jeanette, Carol, Gary.

The David and Jenny Brooks family of 7 children: Lester '32, Geneive '33 - Harold Myrland, Virginia '34- LaVerne Jacobson, Virgil '36, Mervin '38, LaVern '40 and Isabelle'45- Don Hillis. They lived a mile and a half south of Milford Twp School on the west side of the road. After climbing through a fence to help a neighbor, David contracted Tetnus after receiving a Tetanus shot and died in the Iowa Univ Hospitals on 18 Aug 1961. Perhaps that was the occasion of the photo above.

All of the children attended the newly reorganized Milford Twp. Consolidated School where there were six Brooks children on the bus for five years; 1928 thru 1932. ALL SEVEN Brooks siblings graduated; the largest family to have ALL graduate from Milford Twp. They were all involved in farming careers and five, all but Genieve and Isabelle, raised their families in Milford Twp, with a the total of twenty cousins (Grandchildren of David and Jenny Brooks) attending Milford School. Lester '32 and Margaret Brooks are the parents of Gary '62 -Nevada's Homecoming King and he was also the County 4-H President in 1961-'62.

Virginia Brooks '34 and LaVerne Jacobson '35, are the parents of Gwen '60, and Kathy '66.

Virgil '36 and Maxine Cooper '37 Brooks are the parents of Doug '60, Steve '63, Delores '65, Jeanette '70, Charles '72, Charlotte, and Brad '77.

Mervin '38 and Virginia Brooks are the parents of Linda '63, Ron '65, Don '68, Loren '72, and Kevin '77. Kevin was on the State 4-H Council in 1976-'77 and earned a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in 1977.

LaVern '40 and Dorris Brooks are the parents of Connie '62, Dennis '65, David '67, Clint '68, and Carol '69.

The Brooks were very active in the leadership of the 4-H program. Lester, Virgil, Ron, Don, Kevin, and Mervin's wife, Virginia, all served as Milford club leaders.

Two Brooks family members have served on the Milford School Board. Virgil '36 served from 1950-'55 and was the President in 1951 and Mrs Lester (Margaret) Brooks served 1958-'60, Pres in 1958.

The Virgil Brooks Family had seven members, listed above, and were long time Milford residents. They lived a mile south and half a mile east of the School. Because of a lightening house fire in 1961, there are no photos of this family as a unit. Virgil bought the Sower's house that originally sat in the NE quarter of Sec 8 and had it moved and remodeled. Brad '78, is farming the home place for a third generation. His son, Jeff, fourth generation, who is in construction, built a home across the road from the Milford School ground in 2007.

The Eldon Cooling Family

Eldon and Julia (Borton) Cooling lived in Milford Twp during the 1942-'43 school year with the oldest 10 of their 12 children: Charles 'Art' ('47), twins Garol and Darol ('49), LaVonne ('50), Vernon ('53), Dale ('54), Lloyd ('55), Lyle ('57), Dallas ('59), Margaret ('61), Dwayne ('69) and Gary ('72).

The Cooling family lived in the very southwest corner of Sec 36 from March 1942 to March of 1943. Within a year after leaving Milford the twins contracted Scarlet Fever and missed a year of school. They had been in the class of 1948 but graduated at Clemons in 1949. That summer Clemons finished runner-up to Davenport in the finals of the IHSAA State Baseball Tournament; Garol was the catcher and Darol was the first baseman. Both also served in the Marines.

Seven Cooling children rode the bus that year, which was the most of any one family at any one time in the history of Milford Twp. Eldon Cooling served as a bus driver in 1942-1943. On one day, when he picked up his own youngsters, the twins, Garol and Darol, who had been playing with a skunk, smelled so strong of skunk that Eldon, about a mile from home, made them get off the bus and walk back home.

None graduated from Milford Twp but all remember their school experience and learning to play ball and be competitive. Charles, 'Art', was a career teacher. He went to Iowa Teachers College the summer he graduated and secured a rural school job for fall. However since he did not turn 18 until October he actually hired a sub to teach for him until he could get his teach certification in Oct. He accomplish his Bachelors and Masters Degrees through summers, Saturdays and night school. Art taught continuously except for the year he took a sabbatical to finish his degree. After his one-room school experience he taught math at Troy Mills, Cedar Rapids and Kirkwood Community College until he retired.

Another point of interest was when the twins brought a friend, Walt Walters, from Kentucky home with them after their experience in the Marines, he later became their bother-in-law. He married their sister LaVonne the following January lst.

The family recalls the excitement of a plane crash and a mail carrier flipping his vehicle spilling out the mail within a week. They were asked to help pick-up this official US Mail on a very blistering cold day. See other information listed in various articles in Chapter VI- People.

The Oliver Durby Family

Oliver Durby, brother of Peder who was the father of Ben, and his family in about 1908. Front: Elise, Sigurd, Oliver, Gladys (Michaelson), Bertha, Barney. Back: Martha (Tjernagel), Peter, Tosten, Levi, Rena (Erickson).

The Oliver Durbys lived in the very northeast of Sec 10 of Milford Twp for a time adjacent to the farm owned by his brother, Peder. The Oliver Durby farm is known by most folks who lived in Milford Twp around the fifties as the Reinhart place. Oliver Durby had moved to Roland by 1914. The children would have gone to School Number Two which would have been about 3/4 mile to the west which, for a while, was known as the Durby School.

Tosten, the tall lad in the back row above, homesteaded in Colorado and died there at age 37 of a ruptured appendix in 1921. For a very good account of this, and many more stories of the Durbys, see Jeanette Sansgard Larson's fine book at the Story City Library.

The Michael " Mike" Tendall Family

The Michael Tendall Family Front: Michael, Dorothy '47 (Williams), Christine (Mortvedt). Back: Grace '35 (Floyd Twedt), Leonard '37, Raymond '43, Katherine '37 (Hemer). They lived in the NW of Sec 11 and had moved there in 1928. The photo was taken when Leonard went into the Service for WWII.

The Eli Jacobson Family

Left to right: Walter '39, Marvin '36, Jeffrey '33, Howard, Jordon, Jacob Eli, Aslena (Wickes), Margaret (Bergland), Loretta (Barth), Edith (Vaught), Ardys (single), Doris '42 (Helland). Date of picture is about 1933.

The Jacob Eli and Aslena Jacobson family moved to Milford Twp on the first of March in 1911 and lived a mile and a quarter north of Milford Center School.- the place with the two long lanes-a quarter mile to the south and the mud road, or a quarter mile to the west and the gravel road by Comfort's farm. The youngest six children were born at this farm.

Walter, a veteran of WWII serving with the Marines in the South Pacific, left Milford Twp and was a carpenter in Des Moines. He married a Milford school teacher, Marlys Kratz who was the first and second grade teacher 1949-1951. Marvin married and moved to Michigan where he farmed and raised six children. He farmed in Milford township for five years. Jeffrey farmed in Milford Township and lived in two different farms in Sec 8 in the fifties and sixties but moved to Nevada for retirement. He was the father of Marcia '58, Steven '61 and Carol '66. Howard was a long time farmer in Sec 5 of Milford Twp.

Howard married Irene Rasmusson of McCallsburg and they were the parents of four youngsters who attended Milford ; three of them graduated from Milford Bob '57, Bill '59, Bernita '61, and the fourth, Barbara, (pix pg 202)who graduated from Nevada in 1966. The Howard Jacobson family moved to Milford Twp in the spring of 1940. Howard farmed until 1972 when son Robert (Bob) took over the operation. Bob still farms this ground in 2007. For Irene Jacobson- see People, Royalty, 1928 Diamond Jubilee. She also was the President of the PTA in 1950. Bill and Bernita both earned their Doctorate Degrees and Barb followed her Mother as an elementary teacher. Bernita graduated at Nevada in 1961 and later taught at Southwest Missouri State at Springfield Missouri.

Howard's family is one of three Jacobson families that were well known in the community of the forties and the fifties- the others were the Jeffrey Jacobson family and the Jordon Jacobson family.

Jordon, the oldest of the ten children, worked as a carpenter, and was the father of Jerry Jacobson ('51), Marlene Jacobson ('53) and Beverly, who, had she stayed at Milford, would have graduated in 1955. When Jordon's wife, Edithe, died of a heart attack in 1941, mother Aslena took these three children into her home and provided for their needs. Jacob Eli, the patriarch of the family, had died in April of 1937 from the complications of asthma and several severe strokes. Aslena , mother, was born about 1884 and died in the spring of 1956 and following this the family farm was sold. This left Howard as a land owner in Milford Twp and Jeffrey as a farmer of others' land.

Margaret was married to Bert Bergland and raised a family in McCallsburg. Loretta moved to Michigan where she lived. Margaret's daughter, Maryls Bergland Dodds, was a Milford teacher on the last staff in 1960-'61.

Edith was married and lived in Des Moines. Ardys never married. Doris married and lived in Story City.

The oldest four of this Jacobson family did not graduate from Milford Consolidated Township School i.e. Jordon Margaret, Loretta, and Howard. The other six graduated from Milford Cons.

In the thirties and early forties, when independent basketball leagues were quite popular, the Jacobson brothers had their own team and played under the name of "The Five 'J's". No record of their games has been found.

A story with Jeff Jacobson on page303.
Bill Jacobson on page 201, Bob Jacobson on page 70.

The Harlan Harper Family 1966

The Harper family, pictured in 1961, with Dixon, Joe, and Harlan in the back row and Dorothy "Dotty" (Likely), Karel (Hedrick), and Mary (Lackore) in the middle row. In the front are Roger, Harlan and Joan (Parsons), (Dad and Mom) and Lowell. The occasion was Harlan and Joan's 40th anniversary.

The Harlan Harper family moved to the north-east quarter of Section 5 (one mile west and 2 ¾ north of Milford Twp School) on the first of March of 1934 and lived there until about 1947. In 1935 a dam was constructed and 5000 trees planted near Bear Creek on their farm. During the three school years 1938-'40, there were 7 of the 8 Harper children on the school bus. All eight, who were within 14 years, attended Milford Twp School and were very involved in school activities, instrumental in the 4-H programs, and agricultural practices. The eight children with their respective date of high school graduation are: Dixon '40, Harlan Jr '41, Dorothy '43, Roger '46, Joe '47, Lowell '49A, Mary Lou '51A and Karel '54A. Five-- Dixon, Harlan, Dotty, Roger, and Joe graduated from Milford Township and the others graduated from Ames after Harlan Harper Sr. sold the farm.

Mary, graduated from Ames in 1951 and returned to Milford Township as a teacher during the school year of 1953-54. Dixon became a nationally known farm broadcaster (see Hall of Fame). Seven of eight earned college educations, four from ISU. In 2005, when Dixon's wife of 58 years died, he remarried at age 83. See page 200.

The Harper family followed 4-H footsteps. Both Dixon and Harlan earned trips to the National 4-H Club Congress. Harlan was the State 4-H Vice President in 1942. Both Harlan and Dorothy served as Story County 4-H Officers. Harlan was Pres in 1940 and Dorothy was Vice-Pres in 1942. All were very active exhibitors.

Dixon and Harlan Jr. served in the military during the Second World War. Dixon was an aerial gunner while Harlan Jr was a Navy First Class Radioman from 1944-1946. See page 194-5.

One of the most remarkable facets of the Harlan Harper family is that each of their children -lead by Harlan and Joan's 61 year marriage- was successful in long marriages- all over 50 years. Two of daughters married ministers and the third, Karel, married a PhD professor. See various articles in Chapter VI.

A Harper farm ad on page 311.

The John Sorem Family

Date of picture, early 1990's. Back Row: Stanley, Richard, Art, Ron, and Dale. Front Row; Donna (Woods), Effie, Barbara (Brodie), Sandy (Thoreson).

John and Effie (Sampson) Sorem lived in the very northeast corner of Milford Twp with their family of 8 children: Stanley '47, Richard '50, Art '52, Donna '55, Barbara '57, Ronald '61, Sandra '62 and Dale '64. All attended Milford Twp School and Richard and Art drove school busses. The oldest six graduated from Milford Twp and the younger two graduated in Nevada after the 1961 school consolidation.

In the two school years of 1951 and 1952 there were six Sorem children on the school bus.

The three oldest boys, Stanley, Richard and Art were bus drivers and were Presidents of their respective senior classes. Richard was the Story County 4-H President in 1950 and Art was Story County 4-H Sec-Treasure the following year. John was the Story County Fair Board President in 1951.

John started a successful farm supply dealership, specializing in grain bin construction in the early sixties and when he retired, his sons, Dale and Ronnie, carried on. Art took over the farming tasks and farmed 32 years and later worked at Bethany Manor in Story City and at Mary Greeley Hospital in Ames.

John Sorem, patriarch of the Sorem family in Milford Twp, from a 1939 snapshot. He immigrated alone to the United States at the age of 17 from Etne, Norway.

Stanley and Richard operated their own businesses and all three girls took nurses training.

Donna and her husband, Bill Woods, are missionaries for "Campus Crusade for Christ" and served in Africa for years and are "retired" in Colorado.

Barbara and her husband, Duane Brodie, '57, were long time farmers in Milford Twp and retired in c. 2002.

Richard served in the Air Force 4 years, Art in the Army 3 years, and Dale in the Army 2 years.

Richard and Stanley both passed away in the winter of 2008-'09

The Peder Durby Family

This c. 1916 photo was taken before the birth of the last three Durby children. (Ben included) This is eleven of fourteen youngsters. Back: Archie, Enock (Single), Peder, Maren holding Joe (Single), Stella (Harvey Nassen), Lydia (Sansgaard), and Emma. Front: Palmre, Bernice (Martin Caltvedt), Ruth (Victor Duea), Laurence, and Myrtle. Not pictured: Palieia (Beatty), Myrtle (died at 17)

Peder and Maren Durby family of Section 10 Milford Twp.

Adapted from the Durby Family History by Jeanette Sansgard Larson:

Peder Durby, (1853-1935) born in Norway, married at age forty, was the father of 14 children, one of whom was Milford Twp's well known Ben Durby. The Peder Durbys lived on the north side of Sec 10 on a farm (W1/2 of the NE quarter) that had been bought by Peder Durby in 1875 for $13 an acre. Peder had a brother, Oliver, and Oliver and Peder bought adjoining farms with Oliver owning the East 1/2 of the NE quarter of Sec 10. (The Rinehart home of the fifties) Also, Peder and Oliver married sisters, Maren and Bertha Bjornevik of Norway. Norwegian was language used at home in Milford Twp. The family, like many of that time, did not work on Sunday.

Before the gathering of one roomed schools in section 15, the children walked the half mile west to the Blackberry School (#2) and in the summertime they walked the mile and a half east to School Number(#1) for Norwegian parochial school which lasted all day for six weeks. Apparently there was no well at this school for drinking water and the youngsters took turns going to a neighbor to get water. There was great celebration when a well was dug on this school ground. (Section 10 was also the home during part of this time to another of Milford's large families, the Eli Jacobson family who lived three quarters of a mile south across the fields)

One of the Peder Durby children, Myrtle, who had just completed the seventh grade at the time of 1918 flu epidemic, was severely stricken and was left with a weakened heart. She finished the eighth grade in 1919 at Milford Number 2 and then she moved in with relatives in Roland and completed her high school requirements but was unable to attend graduation exercises with her class as she was very ill with rheumatic fever. Her class brought her diploma to her home. On 31 August 1923 her weakened heart could carry on no longer and she died at the age of 17.

Ben Durby, born in 1921, was the youngest of the fourteen children in the family of Peder and Maren Durby. He graduated from Milford Twp High School in 1939, the year of Milford's first yearbook. At one time in the twenties a horse drawn bus stopped and picked up five of the Durby children for the trip to the new consolidated school a half mile to the west and two miles south.

From the pen of Jeanette Larson: "Ben and a fellow student had a little spat at Milford School and they were ordered by their teacher to report to the Superintendent's office. He gave them three choices: a whipping, be expelled, or set back a grade. They chose to be set back a grade. Ben was afraid to return to school and face the music so he faked illness and stayed home two weeks. His mother finally took him to the doctor where he was given a clean bill of health. When he returned to school the next day he learned that his accused partner had returned to school and was set back a grade for only one day." No word if Ben had to drop back a grade for a day.

Ben didn't rush into marriage but waited until he was 46 years of age. One day he was alone in the "cruel world" and the next he was a married man with five youngsters. He farmed, operated a gas station at the Boondocks, and was employed at the National Animal Disease Center in Milford Twp. Ben was Secretary or Superintendent of the Bergen Lutheran Sunday School for 42 years, and accomplished 26 year of perfect attendance. But perhaps the thing for which Ben was best known, both far and wide, was his unpaid job as time keeper for the Roland (then in 1969 when Roland combined with Story City) and the Roland-Story basketball events. He worked in this capacity for 51 years, starting in 1943. Ben died in November of 1994.

For more on the life of the Durby family, Jeanette Sansgaard Larson of rural Story City has published a very

The Rasmusson- Sampson Families

Children of Lewis and Bertha Rasmusson: Left to Right: Lillian (Prescott), Raymond, Erma (Halverson), Myrtle (Sampson), Burdella (Bennett), Jeffery, Frances (Vasey), Grace (Jacobson), and Donald. Date of Photo, early Sixties.

Jeff served on both the Milford and Nevada School Boards. Also see page 274.

The Rasmusson and Sampson families both began school in the rural one room school system. When Milford Twp Consolidated School reorganized after 1919 both families sent their children to the new reorganized school in Sec 15 at the center of Milford Township.

There were 11 children in the Rasmusson family. In 1932 (Milford Twps largest class at 17 in number), Jeff, as the eighth child, was the first in his family to graduate from high school. Jeff became known for his ability to speak and once entertained 450 men at an annual meeting for the Story County Beef producers with a two hour notice. The following three siblings, Frances '34, Grace '36 and Donald '40 also graduated from Milford Twp. The older siblings: Lillian, Raymond, Erma, Myrtle and Burdella entered the world of hard rural labor before finishing high school. Two other children; one, Fern, at the age of two when Jeff was five; had drowned in a livestock tank on their rural farm.

The Ed and Gustie Sampson family of 9 children followed the consolidation into the new large two-story brick school building (1924). Five: Evelyne, Clarence, Grace, Arnold and Donald entered the world of work before finishing high school. Three: Inez '39, Ione '41 and Glen '43 graduated at Milford Twp before the family moved to Roland. Loren graduated there in 1946. Glen Sampson was active in Milford Twp, Story County Farm Bureau and the development of Nevada Historical Society 8.5 acre Evergreen Lane. See picture on page 265.

As a footnote to many of the Milford Romance Stories; Clarence Sampson and Myrtle Rasmusson married. They were one of the elite marriages that occurred between Milford folks. Within this group of over 50 marriages; there was only one divorce! Like a "Ripley's, Believe it or not" event. See page 190.

A couple pictures on page 265 and information on 283, 335

Jeffery and Edith Rasmusson

Jeffery and Edith Rasmusson had four children. The oldest daughter, Janet Carol, was born May 20,1940 at the Nevada Hospital. Following graduation from Milford Twp Consolidated School in 1958 she attended Iowa Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Des Moines, Iowa, graduating with her RN in 1961. That same year she married Dennis E. Larson of Laurens, Iowa, and they live on a Laurens farm.

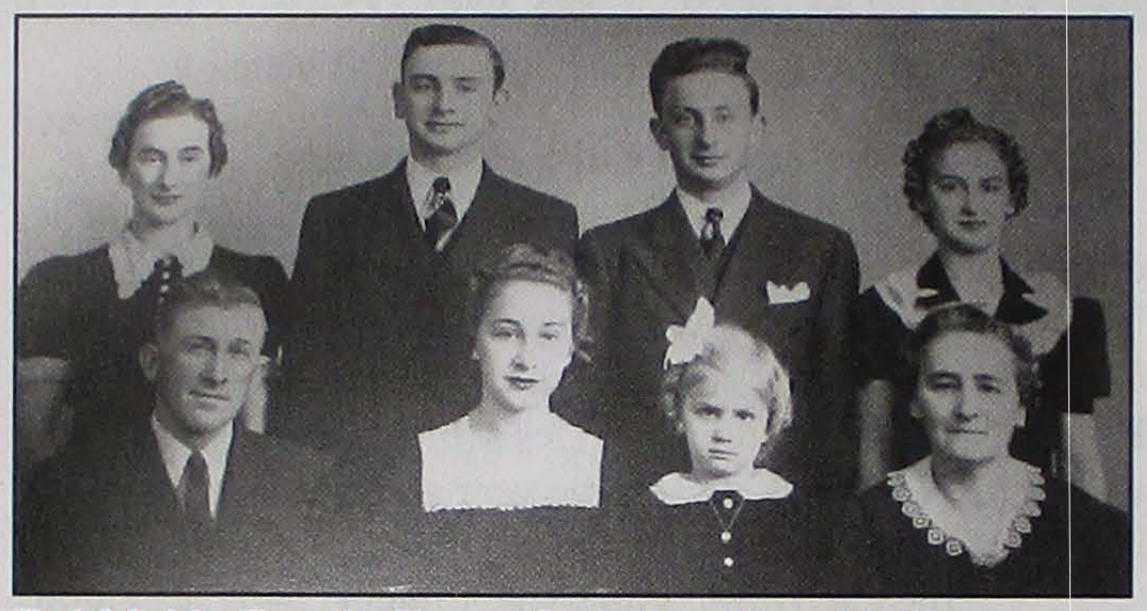
Jeffery and Edith's only son, Ronald Lewis , was born January 20, 1943, at the Nevada, Iowa. It was in January, 1943, that the Nevada Hospital burned and Ronald and Edith were patients when the fire started. Edith smelled smoke, ran to the nursery to get baby Ronald, and then climbed down numerous flight of stairs to safety. Ronald graduated from Milford Twp School in 1960 and attended Drake University. He currently resides in Glendale, Arizona.

Marcia Frances was born on 26 Oct 1946 at Mary Greeley Hospital, Ames, Iowa. After graduating from Nevada High School in 1964, Marcia attended Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa, graduating with a BA in elementary education. She and Walt Neighbour from Chariton, Iowa, were united in marriage on 13 March 1971 and have lived in the Ankeny area since their marriage.

The youngest Rasmusson daughter, Beth Elaine, was born on 31 August 1957 at the Nevada Hospital in Nevada. After graduating from Nevada High School in 1975 she attended University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa for a short time and then transferred to Des Moines DMAC where she graduated in accounting. She married Curtis Mc Kim on 16 April 1978 at the Salem Church in Roland.

Jeffery and Edith lived on the farm in Milford Twp until 1979 and on their 40th wedding anniversary they moved to Nevada and in July of 2005 to Story City where Jeffery died on 14 Sept 2005. Edith still lives in Story City.

The Osten Molde Family. Front: Mabel (Jonas Arneson), Osten, Gladys (Frank Vail), Gusta (Jacobson), and Ted. Back: Julia (Ted Thompson), Otis, Emma (Halverson), and Gertie (Larson). Two daughters, Tillia and Sylvia, died in infancy. The Osten Molde family was in Milford Twp by the turn-of-the-Century in the NW of Sec 23. Their children went to School No 6 in 1898.



Ted Molde Family Front: Ted, Dorothy '44 (Kreutner), Shirley '55 (Jensen), Cora. Back: Corrine (Dyer), Kermit '41, Lester '37, Grace '39 (Helland). The occasion of the picture is just before Lester left for the Service in 1942. Ted became the land owner and patriarch of his own Milfordite family. Ted started farming in NW Richland Twp and Corrine finished her schooling at Richland # 3 before the family moved onto the farm in the NW quarter of Sec 23. Cora and Ted were married for 58 years when she passed away 22 May 1975 at age 79. Ted lived to be 100 years of age and passed away on 19 Dec 1988. They retired from the farm in 1968 and moved to Story City.

Ted and Cora (Hill) Molde
Wedding and Fiftieth Anniversary Picture
22 March 1917- 22 March 1967

Some Tjelmeland Memories

by Lola Mae Tjelmeland Anderson ('47)

"There are lots of stories to tell of Milford. The Ward and Gladys (Osmundson) Tjelmelands had 10 children and 9 of those 10 did attend the Milford School.

"There was Harold, Leo, Wallace, Lola Mae, Delores, Wayne, Gary, Joel, Keith, and Gordon.

"Harold, Leo, Wallace ,and Lola Mae graduated from Milford and the folks moved to Roland area when Delores was in the 11th grade (1949). She stayed with LaVerne and Virginia Jacobson to finish her 11th year at Milford and then went on to finish at Roland.

"Back in those years the High School Boys were allowed to drive the school buses. Harold, Leo and Wallace all managed to have their year at this job.

"I remember the first buses I rode in were very different from the ones they have now. The seats were long benches along the windows and there was a narrow bench down the center. The smallest of us children had to straddle this and sit there. It was hard sometimes not to get your wet shoes on the Big kids shoes setting on the side. I don't know how many years we rode those till they were able to buy the busses that had seats down each side.

"In those days nobody had Air Conditioning and when the room got very hot we would go out under the trees to have our classes. One of the favorite events that I remember is the May Pole. We got to dress up and dance on May first. When I was little I never could figure out how the Janitor got all those streamers on the top of the pole for us to braid around the flag pole.

"Our senior play was a big flop. It was a murder mystery and they are hard to preform when a school has only 9 in the class and some played more than one part. When a gun was to go off, (it didn't) and when it did the audience all woke up. (I'm not kidding you) It was such a flop they had gone to sleep. We lived 3 1/2 miles from the school and if we had activities after school, we had to walk home. I remember walking home each week after piano lessons. It was OK if the weather was good. Since Milford was made up of all farm children, during the war we had a two week fall vacation so that the boys could help their fathers with the harvest as the older boys were off to war and help was scarce. We would make up the time by adding minutes to our days' schedule and go to school longer days the rest of the year.

"All the sports practices were worked into the school schedule as the children all rode the buses home together. The practice for all sports were worked into the scheduling during school hours. The games, of course, were played in the evenings - usually Tues and Friday. Delores and I played on the 6 man team as forwards and Superintendant Swim was our coach. All the teachers in those days taught more than one subject. My older brothers played Basketball and baseball.

"PTAs were always the highlight of the Community. The young and old came out for these. There was always

The Ward Tjelmeland Family

1947 Photo, Left to right; Wayne '52R, Harold '43, Leo '42, Wally '45, Lola Mae '47 (Anderson), Delores '50R (Campbell). Middle- Gary '55R. Front; Keith '59R, Ward, Gordon '61R, Gladys, Joel '57R.

something fun going on and after the plays or other programs they always served a wonderful lunch. I remember the one program when they had a "Truth or Consequence" evening. I was chosen to be one of the contestants and I couldn't answer the question right so I had to make a Hat out of a bunch of junk. By golly I won and my reward was 25 little baby chicks.

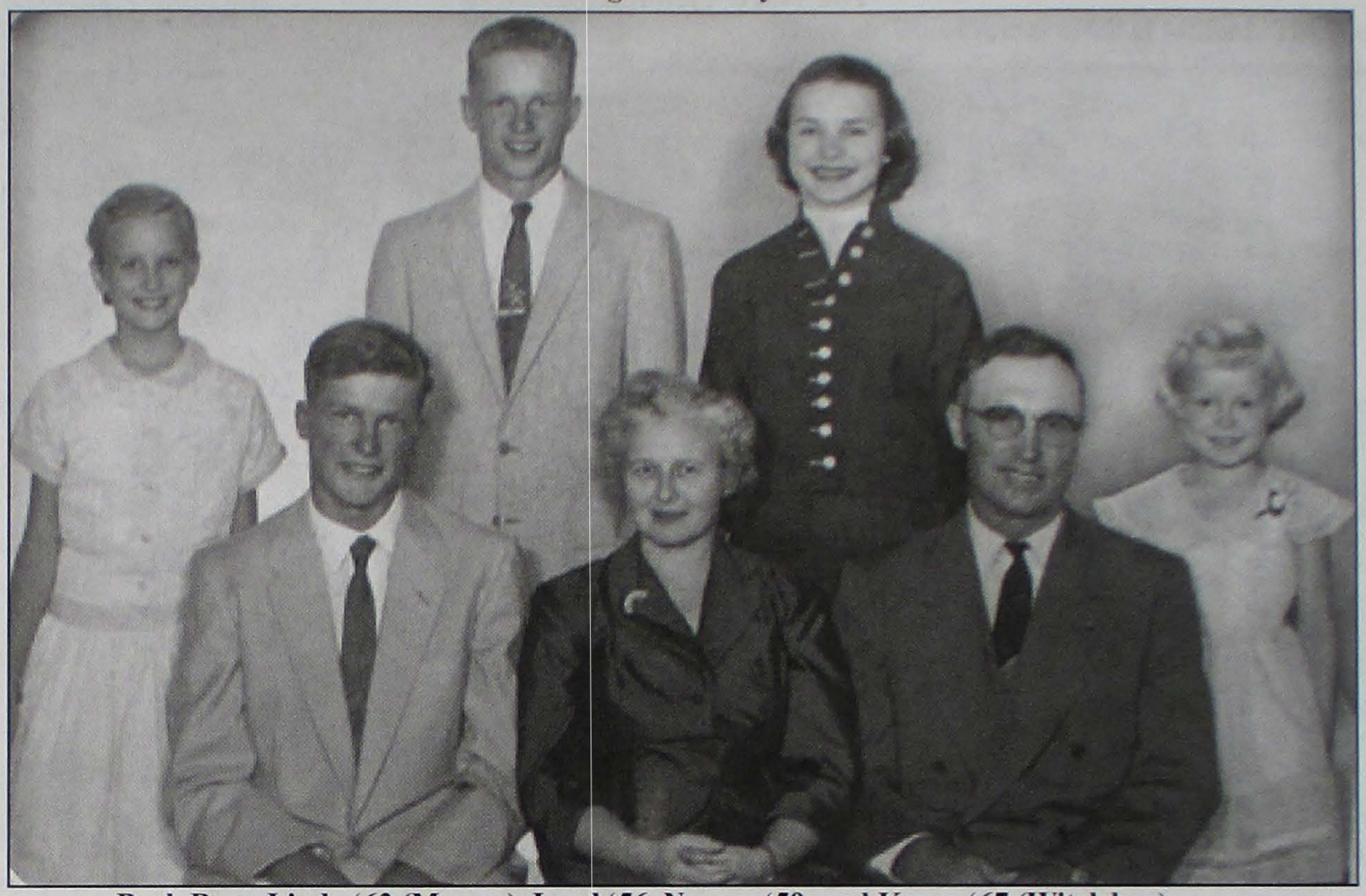
"Ward and Gladys purchased a farm 2 miles west of Roland in 1949 and moved up there in March of that year. Harold lived on that farm until his death in 2006. We have lost Wallace and Keith to the dreadful disease Cancer and Wayne and Joel live in Illinois and Delores is living in Arizona. Gary lived in Story City until his death in 2007. Leo is on a farm northwest of Nevada, Gordon is a survivor of cancer when he was 46 and is now retired from John Deere and lives in Clive. Lola Mae has move to Nevada from the farm with her husband Marley Anderson, 4 daughters and 2 sons. It used to be that families all lived close by but times have changed and families live in many parts of the country. It is so sad to drive by the school now and see the broken windows and look up at the south little sun room where we would go to enjoy gold fish in a little pond and plants that were different every year."

Ol' Milford farmer think- big difference between a pigeon and farmer- pigeon can still make deposit on new tractor.

Ward and Gladys Tjelmeland lived on the south side of Section 12 in Milford Twp with their family of 10 children. Nine attended Milford Twp school and the oldest four graduated from Milford Twp: Harold, Wally, Leo, and Lola Mae, all the others graduated from Roland after moving to Howard Twp in 1949. They were very involved in athletics. Harold, Wally, and Leo served as bus drivers. Gary was a Marine and Gordon served as a pilot in the USAF for six years. Leo served as an enlisted man in the Army during the end of WWII. The Tjelmeland family has established a tradition of long marriages. Ward and Gladys led the family with fifty-eight years of marriage (1922-1980). The six oldest youngsters have all succeeded in surpassing the fifty year mark with their marriages. Gary's (seventh oldest) marriage of thirty years ended with the death of his spouse in the nineties. Both Ward and Gladys were born in 1903, married 12-6-22 and Ward passed away first- in 1980, and Gladys in 1986. Wally died in '98, Harold in '06, Gary in '07, Keith passed away in '95.

Leo '42 farms in Milford Twp and retired from the Disease Lab. He and his wife, Sally, are the parents of four, Sherry '66N, Jimmy '68N, Paul '72N, and Dean '76N, who is a lifetime farmer in Milford Twp; Sec 11.

The Rex Hughes Family 1956



Back Row: Linda '63 (Meyers), Loyd '56, Norene '59, and Karen '67 (Witzleben).
Front: Dale '55, Edna (Godfrey), and Rex.
This was one of the last larger families that had at least six youngsters in Milford School.

Rexford (great grandson of TR Hughes) and Edna Hughes moved to Milford Twp in 1936 and five of their six children were born while living in Milford Twp: Norman (who was born while Rex and Edna lived in Boone County in 1935, died in 1944 of Leukemia while a third grader at Milford School), Dale '55, Loyd '56, Norene '59, Linda '63N, and Karen '67N. They first lived at the very southwest corner of Sec 8 and then bought the 320 acre farm in the northwest corner of Sec 14 and the northeast corner of Sec 15 in 1938. They lived on the west side of Sec 14- one mile east and 3/4 north of the School.

Rexford served as a representative for the farmers when I-80 was first being constructed in the early fifties.

When Karen started kindergarten in January, while Dale was a senior, all five living siblings attended school together in 1955. Dale served as a bus driver his senior year, but it is rather ironic that none of the siblings road that bus but caught Arnie Munson's bus. Dale's bus was almost always filled to capacity as there were 39 students assigned to ride the 36 passenger bus. Three; Dale, Loyd and Norene graduated at Milford Twp while Linda and Karen graduated with their classes after the 1961 merge with the Nevada System. The family was very active at Milford Twp. Dale had the honor of playing his piccolo for the US Air Force Band for two of the three years he served. Both Rex and Edna helped with the 4-H program as leaders and it was sad to also loose Rex at age of only 48 in 1957 of Cancer.

It was meaningful that the last Milford Twp School US flag was presented to the Hughes Family the final day Milford Twp closed in 1991. I think Coach Cochrane and Supt Hopkins were the originators of this happening in that Rex was an ardent supporter of Milford athletics and attended literally every basketball game and baseball game, both home and away, where, on a few occasions, he was pressed into service as an umpire. Coach Cochrane really appreciated the support of the parents of the players and having them attend the events.

The T.R. Hughes, Rex's great-grandfather, family was one of the earliest families to come to the Milford Township area arriving in the spring of 1856. There has been a representative of this family in Milford Township since that time. T.R. Hughes and his family built the mill that was eventually titled "Soper's Mill". T.R. donated the land for the construction of Pleasant Grove Church. He eventually owned quite a bit of land to the south of this church and around Mc Farland Park. Loyd Hughes (1939-1998) bought land from the Sowers and since these two families are intermarried, he was given a Century Farm certificate in 1976.

Rex loved to travel and by the mid-fifties he had taken his family, by car, to every state in the Union and Alaska before it was a state. He had his family in Alaska when school started in the fall of 1951 and the youngsters missed two weeks of school. For one reason or another, he liked Nash automobiles and so he drove a Hudson or a Nash from the time of Second World War until his death in 1957 when he owned one of the last Nash automobiles made, a 1957 model which was more costly than a Cadillac at the time.

Currently, in 2009, Linda's son, Paul, farms the original Rex Hughes farm in Sec 14 and 15 and Loyd's daughter, Teri and her husband, Jason Jenson, live on the farm in Sec 8 where Loyd and Lori had lived.

CAREERS: MILFORD'S CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY!

It is with pride that after searching the history of Milford Township in Story County, Iowa, since 1990, many positive finding have been discovered. Milford Twp was declared the most rural township in Iowa in 1948. A good percent of the population are land owners and the families of Scandinavian, German and English decent are known to have strong work ethics. The following includes some of the careers Milford graduates, or Milford Twp residents, found for their niche in life (The year of graduation is identified by: 'yr.):

CAREER FARMERS -who must be the 'jack of all trades' or 'Doctor of many Trades/Skills' to be successful- with roots in Milford Township (Longevity is an educated estimation): Phil Allen'22 51yrs; Don Book; Herman Sorensen; John Sorem 30; Magnus Simonsen 50+yrs; John Hereim'27 40+yrs; Marion Gilreath'29 40+yrs; Max Arrasmith'32 60+yrs; Lester Brooks'32 45yrs; Joe Alfred'32 40+yrs; Jeff Rasmusson'32 45yrs; Floyd Twedt'32 50+ yrs; Erwin Alfred'33; Jeff Jacobson'33 45+yrs; Amil Twedt'33 35yrs; Otis'33 and Argyle Cole'34 55+yrs; LaVerne Jacobson'35 30+yrs; Myron Larsen'35; Elmer Watson'35 40+yrs; Virgil Brooks'36 50+yrs; Edward Sorensen'37; Richard Sorensen'37 (A **CENTURY FARM** in 1990) 40+yrs; Leonard Tendall'37 40yrs; Ben Durby'39 45+yrs; Raymond Sorensen'39 45yrs; Lavern Brooks'40 30yrs; Robert Cooper'40 55yrs; Curtis Jacobson'40 40+yrs; Ed Larsen'40 (A **CENTURY FARM** in 1983) 50yrs; Marvin SmithJr'41 30+yrs; Bill Christy'42 40+yrs; Arnold'Arnie'Munson'42 50+yrs; Leo Tjelmeland'42 60yrs; Carl Buttry'44 40+yrs; Clayton Clifford'45,ISC, 28yrs; Wesley Warren'45 50yrs; Loren Rierson'46 40yrs; Richard Couser'47 50yrs; Kenneth Watson'47 1947-'57 10yrs; John Wakefield'51 50+yrs; Robert'Bob'Williams'51 50+yrs; Art Sorem'52 27 yrs; Dale Hughes'55,OU,Texas Tech,51yrs; Duane Brodie'56 40+ yrs; Loyd Hughes'56 (A **CENTURY FARM** in 1976) 45yrs; Art Borton'57 45 yrs; Bob'Jake'Jacobson'57 50+yrs; Gene Roberts'62N 45+yrs; Loren Book'64N 35+yrs; Larry Sorensen'66N 40yrs; Marvin Smith III'65,IU'70, 20+yrs; Dean Tjelmeland'76 30+yrs; Brad Brooks'77 30+yrs.
The last young farmer to start farming in Milford Twp are, perhaps, Lucas Tjelmeland, 17,'08N, and Paul Meyers. Eric Jensen '96N, Sec 33, age 27, started circa 2000, who has lived in Milford since age 3.

OTHER MILFORD TWP FARMERS, those who are farming in Milford Twp in the 2000's but started elsewhere: Glen A.Anderson 25+yrs; Fred D.McCoy 20yrs; Dennis P.Smith 20+yrs; Dave Stensland 25+yrs; Orland Stensland 25+yrs; Ron Stensland 25+yrs; Flynn Bro. 20+yrs; Mark and Justin Hansen, Grandsons of Betty Arneson '40.

AGRI-BUSINESS:
'81 Boyd Brodie, ISU, Agronomist at Heart of Iowa in Roland. See page 70
'80 Chris Brodie, ISU, Agronomist at Creston,IA

TRANSPLANTED MILFORDITE FARMERS, those from Milford Twp whose farming careers are elsewhere: George Allen'27; Ray Danielson'27 Richland Twp 40yrs in Richland Twp; Virgil Burley'29; Robert Harlow'30; Lowell Burley'32; Caroll Louks'32; Marion Olinger'34; Walter Dale'36; Leonard Dueland'36 Nevada Twp; Earl Lee'36; Lester Shickell'36; Harvey Beal'37; Fritz Eller'37; Lester Molde'37 in WI 50yrs; Galen'Fritz'Stratton'37; Clifford Thomsen'37; Mervin Brooks'38 Richland Twp; Welden Kingsbury'38 Grant Twp 50yrs; James Matters'38; Walter Jacobson'39 in MO; Curtis Jacobson'40 Hardin Co; Wm'Bill'Brekke'41 45yrs Howard & Pocahontas Co's; Stanley Egland'41 Richland Twp 50yrs; Harlan Harper Jr'41 near Radcliffe 50+yrs; Guy Wakefield Jr'42 Franklin Twp 50yrs; Glen Egland'43 Howard Twp 50yrs; Earl Johnson'43 near Napier; Glen Sampson'43 Richland Twp 50+yrs; Harold Tjelmeland'43 Howard Twp 62yrs; Wally Tjelmeland'45 New Albany; Roger Harper'46 near Harlan 45+yrs; Don Morfey'46 30+yrs in MN; Ken Watson'47 Grant Twp&Boone Co 50+yrs; Eugene Mortvedt'50 Lafayette Twp 50yrs; Rodney Hansen'52 Warren Co(see "Chapter VI- People", he won the 1966 National "Big Plow" Plowing Contest); Eddie Allen '58 had a Coae Fish Farm in NE; Jerry Book'59 26yrs in Lucus Co.; Keith Tjelmeland'61,UNI, Howard Twp 20yrs; John '61R and David '64R Shold Howard Twp 45+yrs; Dennis Book'62N 40+yrs in WS; Larry Donaldson '63N 40+ Richland, Doug Sampson '73N in Richland. Bill Couser'73N has always farmed in Milford Twp and has had his 'mail box' in Milford Twp but he lives across the road in Richland Twp on the Elmer Paul farm. The cattle feedlot was started in 1898 with 35 head of cattle and has grown to 3000 head.

IOWA FARM MEDIATORS assigned to help with the farm crisis (Iowa was the first state to mandate mediations under Iowa State Coordinator, Mike Thompson) beginning in 1985: Jurine Borton Moore'56, IWC'60, Drake, in Decorah, West Union & Cedar Rapids; Jerry Book '59, Drake, in Albia. (worked with Patty Judge as his district coordinator)

IOWA STATE EXTENSION SERVICE:
'44 Mrs Gorden Bivens--Muriel Bivens, Wasington Co H.ome Ec. 2 yrs, (1951-1953)
'44 Mrs Fred Matters-- Lorine Matters, Tama Co. Home Ec onomics 23 yrs.
'48 Richard Warren, ISC BS,MS, Clayton Co Assoc Extension Director 4yrs;
'50 James'Jim'Christy,ISC BS&MS, (husband of Dorothy Olson'50), Story County Extension Youth Director 1953-'55 and Extension Director 1955-'95.
'52 Florine Borton Smalley, ISC BS'56&MS, she and husband, Merrill, were Master Gardeners in Johnson County.
'56 Jurine Borton Moore,IWC'60, Iowa Co, 1959-'62, and Linn Co, summer of 1976, ISU Extension.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE: T.Eugene Thornton'30, Creighton University, Lawyer. See page 216

PHD PROFESSORS at Iowa State University:
Dr Gordon Bivens'44, ISC:BS,MS,DR. Consumer Economics of Home Economics.
Dr Richard Warren'48, ISC:BS,MS,DR. English Dept.
(Yes, amazingly both received all their education, elementary through their doctorate degree, plus had their university teaching careers all within 15 miles between Milford Twp Consolidated School and Iowa State University). BOTH were awarded Distinguished Professorships for ISU in 1983. (See category Notable People.) Note: ISC changed to ISU in 1959.

'52 Fernald- Donna Rae Danielson, ISC: BS,MS PHD was a decorated career ISU Professor. She was the only child of two of Milford's original graduation class in 1927; Ray and Vera Eubank Danielson. She spent much time in Milford Twp visiting her grandparents in Sec 1 and often accompanied her parents to the Milford Alumni Dinners even though she grew up just into Richland Twp and graduated from Fernald. She was a class mate of Florine Borton in the two years the Bortons were in the Fernald School District before buying their farm in Milford Twp in 1946.

OTHER PROFESSORS:
DMAC:
'47 Joe Harper, ISC BS, MS. 1988-'95, 7 yrs, Chartered the Farm CAP (Career-farm-Assignment Program) and Ag Bus Program.
'53 James Olson, ISC, DMAC Boone Campus
'62 Arlen Twedt, Grandview,UI.
'66 John Twedt (son of Floyd'33 & Grace Tendall'35 Twedt) ISU.

Kirkwood Community: Charles 'Art' Cooling '47, UNI: BA,IU:MA;
Lincoln Community College, Springfield, IL; Joel Tjelmeland '57R, 27 yrs.

OTHER ISU STAFF POSITIONS:
ISU STAFF (ISC changed to ISU in 1959):
Dorothy Olson '50 Christy secretarial; Forest Petrus '54 1954-1994. Bill Thompson '57 grounds; Shirley Groomes '58 Bauge, clerical; Larry Hansen '69R.

OTHER COLLEGE POSITIONS:
Barbara Hansen Bartlett '46; Supervisor at Student Center at Grandview College.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATES:
'28 Arlet Christian Smith, UNI; Principal at Milford Twp School '34-'35, and at Brooklyn until retirement.
'32 Vera Stevenson Tarman, ISC, Drake: Guidance and Administration. Vice Principal, Des Moines Schools, 12 yrs;
'44 Fred Matters, ISTC, Drake; taught at Clemons 3yrs, Jr Hi Principal Harlan 3yrs; Elem and Jr Hi Principal at Iowa Falls llyrs; Supt at Gladbrook 4yrs; Supt at BGM- Brooklyn 16yrs; a total of 37yrs;
'59 Dr Wm 'Bill' Jacobson, UNI, UNI'63, WSC of CO, PhD'78; Jewett Jr. Hi, Evansdale; Asst Prin Franklin Jr Hi; Asst Prin Jefferson HS; Principal Jefferson HS; Asst Supt Cedar Rapids; Supt 10yrs at Marion:40yrs
'52 Florine Borton Smalley, ISC: BS, MS. UI: Guidance Spec and Administration, Walnut, IA 3; Clear Creek 1; original faculty at both West HS & NW Jr Hi, Iowa City Schools: 32yrs.

TEACHERS who attended Milford Twp and taught at Milford Twp (see staff on page 168):
1882 Charles F Curtiss, Milford No.4, 4yrs;
1896-97 George Kimble, No.3 1+?yr;
'25 Morris Danielson, Luther;
'28 Arlet Christian Smith, CF College/UNI; Milford Twp, Brooklyn: career ?yrs;
'28 Bernice Howland, ISC, BA; Columbia College MS'33;
'28 Janette Sowers Peikert, ISC;
'29 Viola Danielson Gilreath,Sheffield School;
'29 Marion Gilreath;
'29 Kimble Peterson, Luther;
'30 Ruby Christian Freeman;
'30 Margaret Hereim Gilreath;
'31 Dorothy Sowers Bielefeldt;
'50 Mary Harper Lackore; career.

OTHER CAREER TEACHERS who attended Milford:
'27 Clyta Graham Henderks; Viola Danielson, Sheffield ru ral in Howard Twp;
'28 Olive Christian, U Comm'31
'28 Bernita Howland, ISC, BA;
'32 Vera Stevenson Tarman, ISC, Drake, H Ec, Sci, Eng Fernald, Ventura, West Des Moines and Des Moines:40yrs
'35 Dwight Fausch, ISC, Ind Arts;
'38 Frances Christian Holen, ISC;
'38 Lucile Menzel, UNI;
'38 Velda Wakefield, UNI;
'41 Doris Bailey Bayer,Dale Carnegie Couses in MI
'45 Katherine Olinger,ISC;in WI
'46 Mavis Warren Nelson, Simpson/UNI; Story City 1st grade 6yrs, Webster City 4yrs, Jewel 4 yrs, Dalhart, TX 12 1/2yrs:27yrs
'46 Shirley Gardner Bylund, UNI; Viola Center, Audubon: 39yrs.
'47 Charles'Art'Cooling,UNI:BA UI: MS; Troy Mills, 8 yrs, Cedar Rapids Wilson Jr Hi, Roosevelt Middle School: 40yrs.

'47 Joe Harper, ISC: BS & MS; Exira 2yrs, Grand Junction 3yrs, Colo 16 yrs:21yrs
'48 Gloria Warren Grant, Simpson/UNI, at Adair Kdg, Nevada 2nd, Newton Kdg;
'50 Jane Allen McCoy;
'50 Juanita Warren Behn, UNI;
'50 Lois Warren Logan, Simpson/UNI;
'52 Florine Borton Smalley, ISU BS & MS, IU, H Ec & Counselor; at Walnut, Oxford-Tiffin, Iowa City Schools: 32yrs;
'52 Loren Olson, ISC, Cedar Rapids: 31yrs;
'52 Wayne Tjelemland UNI, 2yrs Vinton;
'53 James Olson, ISC, Ballard;
'54 Fritz Morris, UNI, taught at SE Polk, Altoona;
'54 Arlene Steward Hertz;ISTC, Drake BS:taught 26yrs;
'54 Ruth Warren Paulsen, UNI, taught in IA and IN;career.
'55 Alice Hansen, UNI;
'56 Jurine Borton Moore, Iowa Wesleyan College, H Ec & Phys Ed for ISU Extension in Iowa & Linn Counties 2, Keystone 2, Vernon Jr Hi Marion 12, Springville 9; Jr Hi & Sr Hi:25yrs;
'57 Robert'Bob'Baldus,ISC, Amos Hiatt Middle School: 38 yrs;
'57 Marlene Morfey, Clemons, IA; Tillamook,OR;
'57 Sandra Mortvedt Olson, UNI, Red Oak 3rd&6th 30: 35yrs;
'57 Joel Tjelmeland, UNI, Vinton, MI;
'59 Jerry Book, Drake, Dallas Center 4; Central Decator-Leon 6+
'59 Julie Cox Peterson, Drake; Saydel,S Winn Comm HS, Waukon;
'59 Geraldine 'Gerri' Fitzgerald Dobbe, UNI; St Cecilia, Ames 3; South Hamilton, Kamrar 2; N. Scott, Elde ridge 25: 30yrs
'49 Nadine Safly Christianson ,Drake, taught 7yrs;
'61R Keith Tjelmeland, UNI, Roland;
'62R Gorden Tjelemland, UNI, Waterloo;
'64N Wayne Tjernagel, ISU, Edgewood;
'68N Jackie Strother Stephenson,ISU;Keytsville,MO:30yrs
'69N Kathy Fitzgerald Huse, Sargent Bluffs, IA, elem;
'?? Monica Cooper, in Cedar Falls 23+ yrs.

COACHES:
'44 Fred Matters, ISTC and Drake, Clemons 3 years,others
'52 Florine Borton Smalley, ISC, help initiate girls athletics in the Iowa City school and coached basketball, softball, volleyball and track at the Jr Hi level.
'52 Loren Olson, ISC, Jr Hi basketball (Cedar Rapids Roosevelt Jr Hi Gym named for him)
'56 Jurine Borton Moore, IWC, initiated girls athletics at Keystone- softball and league basketball; and in Marion- basketball, softball, gymnastics, track: 19yrs.
'57 Robert 'Bob' Baldus, ISU, Jr Hi & East Des Moines Track 30yrs.
'59 Bill Jacobson, UNI, Basbl Baskb @ Cedar Rapids Wash.

SPORTS OFFICIALS:
Ray Lounsberry (Marilyn Smith'44) Basketball, __State Tourneys Officiated 19 years. Hall of Pride Sponsor.
'52 Florine Borton Smalley Jr Hi Sports and HS Track, Vball
'56 Jurine Borton Moore, Track, Softball, Gymnastics
'56 Ron Otto, HS and college football, basketball, softball, Officiated in Football and Softball State Championships.

ACCOUNTING:
'57 Pete Hadley, Simpson; Quaker Oats in Ft Dodge, Cargil Corp Office in Minn,MN

ARCHITECT: '35 Robert Lawson, ISC (Landscape)

AVIATION COMMERCIAL PILOTS, Air Flight Attendants, or Air Services:
'41 Marvin Smith Jr, Central Iowa Airport Board;
'46 George Lendell Manley, pilot/Captain 33yrs for TWA;
'55 David Allen, ISC, pilot/3rd Officer for Pan Am;
'60 Janet Sorenson Schneider, flight attendant;

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:
'51 Roger Deal. RH Donnally purchasing Mgn,22 yrs.
'67 Dean Twedt, ISU, Eastman Kodak, WV
'?? Linda Thompson Kellogg Gould, Admin of Retirement;
'72N Mary Ann Fitzgerald Ives, Museum Curator, U of Madison, WI
'73N Mike Fitzgerald, Chicago for Federal Signal
'93N Mike Jacobson, Simpson
Kenneth Allen (son of Ed'58 and Sandra Allen '59A)

BUSINESS OWNERS:
'31 Orlene Twedt, Roland Service Station;
'38 Wm 'Bill' Sharpe, Pres & Owner Sharpe Mechanical Corp, Des Moines;
'43 Don Halverson, Hardware Owner, Coon Rapids;
'47 Richard Stevenson, Hardware Owner in CA;
'50 Richard Sorem, Owner/Mgr of Sorem Manfg Business;
'50 Juanita Warren Behn (John), UNI, they owned A & W 9yrs;
'51 Larry Roberts, Owner/Manufacture of Optomolegy;
'56 Jack L. Allen, Owner Window Treatment in FL;
'61 John and Dixie Thomas Grindem (both'58) Owned a business that sold Color Coded Forms to Physician's offices;
'62 Bruce Strother, IU Owner/Mgr MAD Stratagies Business;
'62 Gordon Tjelmeland, Director of Communications for John Deere in Waterloo, Bettendorf and Des Moines 28yrs
'64 Rick Hodgson, Owner of Hodgson Floor Covering, 40yrs;
'66 Dale Sorem, Owner of Sorems Sales & Service, Nevada;
'69N Sue Ellen Nelson, Owner of For Your Occasion in New York Catering Service

CATERING OR COOKS:
'42 Evelyn Anderson, Admin of School Lunch, 18 yrs(10 as Head Cook;
'50 Juanita Warren Behn, career
'69N Sue Ellen Nelson, ISU Caterer in Manhattan, NY

CHILD CARE SERVICES or OWN BUSINESS:
'46 Mavis Warren Nelson; Owner
'59 Nadine Safly Christianson, Drake, Owner

CLERICAL or SECRETARIAL:
'27 Clyta Graham Henderks, AIB
'28 Olive Christian Borwick, AIB
'29 Gladys Hansen Hattery (John)
'32 Mabel Hansen Alfred (Joe'32)
'33 Mary Eubank, AIB
'34 Virginia Brooks Jacobson (LaVerne'35) R.H.Donn. Co.
'37 Katherine Tendall, AIB
'44 Betty Burley Henderson, McCallsburg Sec for Elem, Jr Hi, Board until 1991.
'47 Lola Mae Tjelmeland Anderson, 30 yrs
'50 Rhoda Honderd Nerem, Roland Coop 38 yrs
'50 Dorothy Olson Christy, ISU
'50 Delores Tjelmeland, 30 yrs
'50 Lois Warren Logan, Simpson
'52 Norma Jean Gardner Jacobsen, Career
'57 Shirley Molde Jensen, Waldorf
'58 Shirley Groomes Bauge, ISU
'58 Rita Thomas Gonser
'59 Dixie Louks Fink Honold
'59 Connie Petersen, Drake
'65N Kathleen M.'Kat'Haugland Tichenor, Office Mgr Family Farm Corp
(See also "Other ISU Staff")

CONTRACTORS:
'31 John Allen, mason in CA
'48 Bill Allen, general contractor
'53 Richard Roberts, cabinets construction
'54 Fred Neasham, home designer and contractor
'57 Dick Neasham, pool construction.

COSMETOLOGY:
Sylvia Twedt (Amil '33) 35+yrs, most in her farm home.
'34 Barber College, Ray Watson
'35 Grace Tendall Twedt (Floyd '32) UNI
'57 Judith Jorgensen, Paris Academy in Cedar Rapids;
'62N Geri Pauley Biederman 25yrs- also has enjoyed the HyVee Floral 20yrs;

ELECTRICIAN: '41 Kermit Molde; '51 Dean Crowe;

ENGINEERING:
'34 Robert Alfred, ISC, Civil;
'37 Clifford Thomsen, ISC, Civil;
'50 Vernon Egland, ISC, Industrial;
'51 Franklin Egland, ISC, Civil;
'56 Ron Otto, Milford U, "College of Hard Knocks" w/DOT (Attained position with DOT equivalent to an engineering degree, worked his way up from a summer employee.).
'95 Jesse Peterson (Melissa Kay Jacobson'95) Stuctural;

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:
'44 Howard M.Johnson;
'54 Ray Thomas, 3M Tools 1979-1999;
'58 Earl Otto for Story County Roads, 40yrs;
'61 Dale Petrus, printer-pressman;

INSURANCE and INVESTMENTS:
'27 Ray Danielson;
'29 Kimble Peterson, (also travel agent);
'40 Jack Alfred;
'43 Jeanne Stratton Miller Painter, Conn Gen Life Ins Office Mgr 30 yrs; Sup-r of Travel & Pensions;
'45 Wallace Tjelmeland;
'47 Stanley Sorem;
'50 LeRoy Gardner,Chaple Hill College in NC, Vice President of Protective Life Ins Co 1969-'95, Birmingham, AL
'52 Wayne Tjelmeland,UNI, 32 yrs;
'55 Gary Tjelmeland, Ellsworth Comm College;
'61 Keith Tjelmeland, UNI;
'62N Connie Brooks Pierce, Sales & Mktg for Group Health Ins;
'64N Wayne Tjernagel, ISU, Owner, Tjernagel Ins, Waterloo

LAW ENFORCEMENT:
'35 Floyd Peterson (Cordelia Gilreath) Ames Police Dept;
'42 Richard 'Dick' Comfort. As a Deputy Sheriff and flew prisoners in Phoenix, AZ;
'47 Millard Anderson, investigative clerk with the FBI (finger printing div);
'54 Raymond Thomas, Cop in Nevada;

LAWYERS:
'30 T.Eugene Thornton, Creighton; Waterloo;
'30 John (Gladys Hansen'30) Hattery
'52 Merrill (Florine Borton'52) Smalley, ISC: BS&MS; Cedar Rapids. Their oldest son David is also a Lawyer.

LIBRARIANS:
'55 Georgia Robert Pearson Ames.
'59 Richard Thompson in Auckland, New Zealand.

MACHINIST: '99 Timothy Hadley, Midwest Cylinder

MECHANICS: '56 Wilbert Hadley, Universal Trade School, autos and tractors and for Rierson 36 years.

MEDIA PROFESSION:
'40 Dixon 'Dix' Harper, ISU, sports (worked with Dale Williams@WOI while at ISC) and farm radio and TV broadcasting 23yrs; Then served as an Audo Agency Exec publisher 1953-'75 and Adv. Account Exec;
'56 Vernon 'Vern' Olson, UI, radio & sports journalism 38yrs.
'95N Melisa Jacobson, Wartburg and Drake MS

MEDICAL DOCTORS:
'3O Dr Aloio (Ruby Christian '30) Freeman, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Chicago & CA;
'43 Duane Gardner (after a Navy Career) ISC: BS, DVM 2nd in class;
'49 Merrill Anderson, ISC :BS, (died of cancer in March, but was granted his degree) DVM;
195l-'52 staff Dr Gerald Petersen (Alice Grindem 52), Medical, KS;
'59 Dr David Bhend, Psych, Psychologist, Joplin, MO.
'63 Dr Jim Cooper. ISC: BS and DVM
'65 Dr Dennis Brooks, Medical, said to have the largest Cardiology Clinic in CA;
'65 Dr Michael 'Mike' Hopkins, Psy, Des Moines.
'70 DrTed Smith, ISU: BS, DVM, Holstein, IA, State of Iowa Meat Inspector.
'?? Dr Carrie Twedt (daughter of Dean '67, grand of Amil '33) (Dr Dean Phillips, Dermatology) OBGY.
?? Doug Allen (son of Ed, '58 and Sandra Allen59) DVM

MEDICAL NURSES or MEDICS etc:
'27 Margaret Twedt RN, '30 Iowa Lutheran Hospital,
'30 Thelma Peterson RN;
'33 Doris Sorensen Christianson RN;
'34 Lucile Larsen, Iowa Lutheran, RN;
'42 Wilma Hartman Munson (Mrs Arnold'42) LPN;
'42 Beulah Walston Sharp
'51 Patsy Jane Manley Smith, Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor;
'52 Alice Grindem '52 Petersen (Dr Gerald 1951-'52) RN;
'52 Art Sorem, Med Services; wife, Dee, RN
'53 Helen Horness Uballe RN;
'54 Doradene Brodie Thompson (Clarion '54) RN; Bethany Manor
'54 Karel Harper Hedrick RN: 26yrs
'55 Donna Sorem Woods RN
'57 Marlene Morfey Carleton RN
'57 Judith Jorgensen Eggland, Bethany Manor LPN 20yrs
'58 Janet Rasmusson Larson, RN, Laurens School Nurse 13yrs;
'62N Maxine Horness Stratton(Gary'62) medic, RN
'64N Karen Thompson Strother (Bruce '62), RN, Iowa Lutheran
'64N Sharon Nelson Bown, Drake Medical Transcriptionist
'77N Garnet Brodie, RN, DMAAC

MILITARY CAREER:
'43 Duane Gardner, US Navy;
'52 Roy Hartman, US Air Force;
'56 Edwin Needham, US Navy.
'63 Jim Cooper, USAF Corporal, 20 years
'78 Brent Brodie, US Army;

MINISTERS or MISSIONS:
'41 Ruby Nassen Triggs with husband Rev.Leon;
'43 Dorothy Ann Harper Likely with husband, Rev. Charles;
'50 Mary Harper Lackore with husband Rev Gene;
'55 Donna Sorem Woods with husband, Wm. both missionaries in Africa for over 30 yrs;
'57 Marlene Morfey Carleton, parochial school teacher.

PHARMACISTS: '27 Hubert Wilson

POLITICS:
1890's Frank Curtiss, State Representative
'41 Marvin Smith Jr, bid for State Legislature, 1972
'41 Doris Bailey Bayer, Democratic Party Conv.Delegate

REALTORS, LAND APPRAISERS, MANAGEMENT etc:
'48 Bill Allen;
'50 Jane Allen McCoy in Fresno, CA;
1953-'56 Coach Ev Cochrane became Ames real estate guru 1983-'02 and grew to have more than 800 housing units for ISU students. Some of his property sold for 51.2 million in 2006.
'56 Ron Otto, DOT Right Away Property Management (considered to be responsible for the most property in Iowa)
'57 Art Borton, Realtor and Appraiser+yrs;
'58 Eddie Allen, also 35+ rental properties in Omaha area;
'70 Greg Kaltenhauser, Appraiser, Eastern IA;
'71 Brad Kaltenhauser, Appraiser, Central IA;

SALES:
'32 Joe Alfred, Sales/Mgt for Dunlap Motors,Ames;
'56 Jurine Borton Moore, dove-tailed with teaching she experienced a variety of sales; toys, clothes, microwaves etc, then 1986-2006 served as a consultant and sales rep for a Vermont based business earning top sales at one time for three consecutive years.
'57 Alan Twedt, American Greeting Card Co, 31yrs.
'58 Janet Rasmusson Larson, accomplished "Independent National Sales Leader with a Nationally known basket company in Ohio.
'60 Ron Pauley, LaGrange, GA
'66 Owen Twedt, Des Moines area

SOCIAL WORK:
'38 James Matters, Career Social Worker; Polk Co Iowa
'43 Dorothy Harper Likely, Family Srvs, State MO, 20 yrs.
'51 Patsy Jane Manley Smith SSW and LSAC Utah

'65 Margie Fitzgerald Rinehart, WS State Dept of Social Work; WS

STOCKBROKER, BANKING OR LENDING:
Ray Danielson'27, Stockbroker
Marie G. Nassen '44 McClain, Mortgage Loan Officer
Eldon Boswell, Federal Land Bank
Roger Thompson '58, Federal Land Bank
Dale Boswell '78, VP of 1st Community Bank,Aledo,IL
David Boswell '81 Sr VP of Bank Iowa, Humboldt, IA

THE ARTS:
'?? **John Helgeland**, Mural on South side of main street building facing the Story Co Court House.
'?? **Randy Matson (Ruth Ringgenberg**, Taught 1942-'43) Author of Military Book. *Somewhere in Italy*
'35 **Myron and Ruth Larsen** *The Soft Wind Whispers*
'40 **Betty Arneson Hanson** *Tid Bits but Not Pineapple*
'44 **Gorden Bivens**, writes Column for the Nevada Journal
'47 **Ken Watson**, variety of published short stories
'50 **Dean Safly**, concert vocalist with renowned sympho nies
'55 **Dale Hughes** and **Jurine Borton Moore**'56 Co-Edited, *Milford Twp and Proud of It*
'55 **Dale Hughes** and **Jurine Borton Moore**'56 Movie Stardom? They were 'extras' in "The Final Season" during the summer of 2006. The story about the last year Norway, Iowa, was in session and their 20 State Baseball Championships.
'55 **Shirley Molde Jensen**'s sons wrote a book on Meteors
'57 **Jimmie D. Thompson** had his research manuscript published in the Iowa Academy of Science Journal in 2007. The report was his research and plant inventory for Hamilton County. An accomplishment recognized and respected by the professors of Biology in the State of Iowa.
'59 **Sandra 'Sandi' Nelson Allen** (Ed '58) ISU, AIB, commissioned artist in Omaha, she was commissioned to paint historical paintings of Milford Twp, Fernald, & Shipley schools which are now a part of the Nevada Community School System
'59 **Roger Hill**, professional wildlife photographer
'59 **Norene Hughes,** actress (she was awarded the award in Panama which is equivalent to the US actors' "Oscar").
'59 **Wm 'Bill' Jacobson** Ph.D., author, *We are What we Were When*; also wrote articles for publication in the Cedar Rapids Gazette. Irene Jacobson finished her book on her family's history at the age of 79 *Life in the Middle Lane*.
'62 **Gene and Kathy Roberts** (Ray Watson '34) wrote *Soul Support.*
'90 **Jill** (daughter of **Sherry** '66N and Granddaughter of **Leo Tjelmeland** '42), singer, her last engagement was on a Norwegian Cruise liner for four months sailing between Spain and Italy.
'94 **Krystal Hughes Cummings**, ISU, comm'd artist
TRUCKING: Joe Alfred'32; Jack Morris '49, Morris Trucking; Dave Allen '55; Dale Hughes '55; Loyd Hughes'56; Virgil Horness'65N Roland Transport 36yrs.

IOWA DEPT of TRANSPORTATION:
Morris Danielson 30+ yrs;
'27 Ray Danielson;
'32 Mabel L. Hansen Alfred (Joe'32), Office
'54 Clarion Thompson 30+ yrs, printing foremen;
'56 Ron Otto 46 years and received an award from Lt Gov. Peterson. At retirement, Ron's title was: DOT Director of the Office of Right of Way. It is said that Ron "Managed more land in the state of Iowa than anyone else." Ron has been credited for managing the most land in Iowa.
'56 Jurine Borton Moore cleaned/picked-up 3-miles along Highway 1 from 1989-2002 earning a 10-year volunteers award from Gov. Vilsak.

US GOVERNMENT or STATE OF IOWA or MUNICIPAL POSITIONS:
'27 John Hereim, City of Ames, 47yrs
'39 Inez Sampson Rudny, AIB, Wash DC 4yrs
'47 Millard Anderson, FBI in Washington DC, then in San Fransico, CA
'47 Dorothy Tendall, FBI and with J.Edgar Hoover in Was hington DC, then as Mrs Dorothy Williams(Wendell) at the Story Co. Court House;
'56 Irene Hodgson Howard, Director of Human Service for Story County;
'59 Norene Hughes, Simpson; Assistant to Intern Relations in Panama;
'59 Connie Petersen Safly, AIB, Ames Mun Water Dept.
'59 Ronald Strother, UI, Dir Systems &Probraming Data of Base Administration of the State of Iowa.
'59 Richard Thompson, UI, State of Iowa position.
'62N Steven Waugh, Pentagon, Wall Street Executive.
'63N Stephen Brooks, St. of IA, Budget Anlyst, 31 yrs.
'65N LaVerne Thompson, Minn,MN Radio Active Power
'96 Heather Hughes Anderson,: BS@ BYU & MS@ISU; Wash DC Lobbyist for Children

US POSTAL SERVICE:
Leon Wilson, Nevada Post Master 40 yrs
'56 Larry and Shirley Miller 35+ yrs
'57 Jimmie Thompson 35 yrs

USDA DISEASE LAB:
Lew Morris (father of Darlene, Louise, Jack, Fritz), carpen ter
George Roberts (father of Larry, Richard, George, Gene, Jimmy) maintenance
'31 Tim Wheelock, lab technician
'39 Ben Durby
'40 Bob Cooper, animal care taker; 20 yrs
'40 Ed Larsen, planner

'41 Kermit Molde, electrician
'42 Leo Tjelmeland, maintenance 25 yrs
'42-43 Ruth Ringgenberg Matson teacher '42-'43 lab tech;'43 Glen Sampson, maintenance
'44 Cecil Henderson (wife, Betty Burley'44) mechanic
'47 Dorothy Tendall Williams, secretary
'47 Ken Watson, painter, security 30yrs
'52 Martin Jacobs(wife,Donna Steward'52), carpenter
'67N Sydney Cooper Hartman 26+ yrs

Many professional **HOMEMAKERS, GARDENERS AND CARE TAKERS!**

SOME STAY at HOME DADS: Russell Morfey Carleton and wife, Doctor Alison B.Carleton,MD, live on the 100 year old Morfey Family Farm with their young family providing the fifth generation on their Milford Twp farm. Russell is the son of Marlene Morfey'57, grandson of Ross and Grace Morfey and great grandson of E.G.'Ted'Morfey.

FOSTER PARENTS: '56 Jurine Borton Moore, seven children- 4 boys and 3 girls -between the ages of 4-18 yrs, usually intermittent with the age of daughter, Mashall Rana, when she was between 4 and 11. Larry Sorensen and spouse cared for six foster children

VOLUNTEER EFFORTS: See also Volunteer under the Potpourri page 287-288.
'41 Harlan Harper started Habitat for Humanity in Story County, helping oversee 16 homes.
See also 4-H Leaders, page 241-242.
See also School Board and School Personnel page 166.
See also Awards or Honors.Page 206 and 207.

Ron Otto's Career

by Ron Otto

Edit: Ron Otto, '56, had a successful career as a basketball player both for Milford (where he was first team all county) and in the field of Independent Ball. He worked for the DOT of Iowa where he obtained the unique position as a Office Director without the Degree that most people possess to get that position. This is a real compliment to both him and to the fundamental "can do" attitude that he developed at Milford Twp.

Ron and Sandra: "In 47 years at the DOT, Ron Otto says he was very lucky to work with great people from the start.

"Otto began in the Ames construction residency back 1957 as a rod man on a survey crew. After five years at the long end of the stick, Otto was named party chief, a job he held until 1969. A nearly 19- month break in service was followed by Otto rejoining the DOT as an engineering aide 2, again in the Ames construction office.

"Otto worked his way up to engineering technician and survey coordinator to a construction technician 3, where he supervised Ames construction employees more than 20 years.

"An opening in the Office of Contracts in 1997 brought Otto to the central complex as a public service executive 2, administering the disadvantaged business enterprise program during his tenure in that position his was charged with the re-writing of that program to comply with new Federal Regulations.

"In 2000, Otto was named director of the Office of Right-of-Way for the Iowa D.O.T. "My construction background was very valuable in that position," said Otto. "Because I spent several years doing survey work, I could recognize how the layout of the proposed highway would impact properties" we needed to purchase.

"Otto attributes his success in Right-of-Way to the teamwork of his employees. He said, "We had six different disciplines in our office with six different managers. Having us all on the same page, working together, was a major accomplishment and made it enjoyable to come to work every day. The people made my job fun."

"Otto was the only employee of the Iowa D.O.T. or the Iowa State Highway Commission to be elevated to Office Directors position without an Engineering Degree or at a minimum a college degree. His only formal education was Milford Twp Cons High School.

"In the fall of 2005 Otto received the Associated General Contractors of Iowa award for outstanding service in the Public Sector and Extraordinary Contributions to the Improvements of Iowa's Transportation System.

"When he was not in the office, Otto enjoyed golf, fishing and traveling with his wife, Sandra. The Otto's have three children and five grandchildren. Their oldest daughter, Julie, is the mother of Lindsey, Lauren, and Jacob. Son Todd and his wife Jill have two sons Braydon, and Taylor. The Otto's third is son Chris.

"Otto retired from the Iowa D.O.T. September 22nd, 2005 after 47 years of service.

"Otto joined the Associated General Contractors of Iowa as their Technical Director November 1, 2005".

Marie Latham

The following article was written in 1950 by Gloria Warren '48 Grant for an English Course at Simpson about a classmate of hers, Marie Latham:

"I have known Marie since she started school in first grade at Milford, the same year that I did. She had dark hair and dark eyes, and was very attractive.

"Marie was born with only part of her left arm, from the elbow on down was missing. It had formed into a point, more or less. The stub arm grew in proportion of the right

arm, which was normal. In school, at first, most of us in class watched her quite a bit. Soon we accept the fact that she was just as capable of doing things as we were , of course she had a few adjustments to make. Like when she wanted to pump up in the swing. Along with the many other things she learned to do. She was one of the first in our class to tie shoe strings. She could and did participate in all our games including softball, she could hit the ball as far as any of the rest of us, and she could catch it: she took part in basketball, she could shoot and make a few; and she could play volleyball.

"I never heard her complain that she couldn't do something. No matter what the task, she could and did master it. Sometimes it took a little more practice, but she always made it. Marie could dress a chicken very quickly, when we were in grade school. She was a hard worker, and a very capable one. Her mother worked away from the home quite a bit, and being the oldest of the three children, the house work was left for Marie to do. I have watched her sweep the floor, peel potatoes, iron pleated skirts, ad bake cakes. She is a very good cook.

"When Marie was a freshman, the Story County Red Cross got an artificial arm through the Des Moines Crippled Society for children. The arm wasn't what I would call a nice looking arm, Maybe that was because I was so used to the stub. The thumb was the only finger that could be moved, and I am not too sure, because she didn't use the thumb any. I believe it had to be manipulated with the right hand pulling on a rubber cord about half way up the artificial arm. She had become so accustomed to doing her work, that the arm was more bother than help. She did try to use it for about a week in school, but decided it was more of a handicap than her stub. Several months later she as told to wear it or she would have to return it. After that she did wear it to school, but she never learned how to use it very satisfactory.

"Marie learned to type with her one hand, and after our first year of typing she kept right up with the class. Marie was very good at knitting, crocheting, embroidering, and sewing for herself.

"Now she is married and lives on a farm. She does her own house work besides taking care of their healthy baby girl."

Representation in 4-H

Milford Township is a 36 (actually 37.2) square mile township of farm land in north central Story County, Iowa. 4-H became a very important part in the lives (routine) of most of the farm families. It was a means of learning the latest techniques available to rural people through the latest technology from the land grant colleges or universities, Iowa State. And for the youth it was not only a means of learning but it became an opportunity to socialize with others across the county.

The first 4-H club in Milford Twp was organized by Mrs Frank (Rierson) Vail in 1928 but because of lack of leadership it folded. That seems puzzling, since through out the years Milford Twp people seem to be foremost in volunteering help and providing leadership skills. (Note that the Story County Fair Board has had someone from Milford Twp in the Presidents Chair for at least 50 years since 1950.) In 1931 the Milford Merry Maids, was chartered by Mrs Mary Allen (Phil) as a "girls club" and was considered to be a club for learning domestic skills. For several years the emphases of Clothing, Home Furnishings and Food and Nutrition actually rotated in a three year cycle. Then there was a block of years that one could select their own projects from any of those. Later project ideas were selected from many categories.

In 1934 the Milford Hustlers was chartered with the leadership of Marvin Smith Sr and Harlan H. Harper. The "boys club" was considered an agriculture club. If a girl chose to have an agriculture project she was required to be in good standing with the girls club and also join a boys club. But interestingly, the fact could be noted, that she had to keep a separate set of record books. Several of the Milford farm girls, of course, did the farm work and chores so they naturally chose to do the double duty and extra effort which included the extra set of 4-H record books; one for each club.

In 1981 the clubs merged to become a non-gender status and to have only one club, the Milford Marvels, which actually require relatively little record keeping. The original 4-H motto still exists, "To make the best better". The 4 leaf clover, with the 4-H's- Head, Heart, Hands and Health-, originated in Clairon, Iowa in 1907. This 4-H emblem is celebrating its 100th birthday in 2007 and has the distinction of being the second most recognized logo in the nation- topped only by the Red Cross. 4-H members continue to practice the 4-H ideals and the leadership and social skills that have always been key.

The Milford Township 4-H clubs where recognized, as one, at the Sesquicentennial, 1996 Iowa State Fair during the 100th Birthday Celebration of 4-H when the Milford Marvels, along with all the other 4-H clubs in Iowa that had 50+years were honored.

Mrs Harlan H. Harper, the former Joan Parsons, attended rural school in Page County, Iowa, and was a student of Jessie Field (sister of Henry) Shambaugh. That Rural Teacher, Ms Shambaugh is the person recognized as the founder of the

4-H program nationwide in 1902. Joan was an Iowa Pig Club Champion. She was honored in 1917 to be selected for the Thomas E. Wilson Chicago Tour which was the for runner of the National 4-H Club Congress.
Milford Township can be proud of their Milford youth. who have proven to do very well, not only with their projects and record keeping, but in leadership also. The following list indicates some of the known ways they represented Milford Twp. (See pages 241-242 for 1928-2009 4-H Leader list)

NATIONAL 4-H SCHOLARSHIP AWARD HONOR:
1955 Jurine Borton ('56), one of 120 recognized for their outstanding 4-H Record, personal achievements and record book excellence, in the nation. (She attended Iowa Weslyan College and her scholarship was the first ever to be granted such use at a college other than a land grant university.

IOWA DELEGATES to the NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CONGRESS or OTHER EVENTS:
1939 Dixon Harper'40 Iowa 4-H Meat Judging Team. Also Market Hog Competition.
1939 Dixon Harper'40, 18th Annual. National Club Con gress
1940 Harlan Harper Jr.'41, 19th Annual, as the State Live stock Winner.
1940 Harlan Harper Jr.'41 National Youth Camp Delegate in Muskegan, Michigan.
1950 Richard Sorem, Camp Miniwanca Delegate in 1951.
1955 Jurine Borton'56, 34th Annual,NCC; awarded a Na tional 4H Scholarship
1957 Art Borton'57, 36th Annual. National Club Con gress.
1957 Art Borton'57, Selected for the 1957 National Mar ket Conference in Chicago Board of Trade.
1977 Kevin Brooks'77, 56th Annual National Club Con gress.
1979 David Moody('79/Maxwell), 58th Annual National Club Congress.

IOWA 4-H STATE OFFICER/COUNCIL:
1942 Harlan Harper'41, State Boys Vice President
1976 Kevin Brooks'77, State Council
1983-'84 Jane Richards, State Council

STORY COUNTY 4-H OFFICERS:
1940 President Harlan Harper Jr.'41
1940 President Doris Bailey'41
1941 President Bill Christy'42
1942 Vice Pres Dorothy Harper'43
1942 President Richard Comfort'42
1945 Historian Ila Mae Bailey '46
1949 Sec and Treas Eugene Mortvedt '51
1950 President Richard Sorem'50
1952-'53 Sec-Treas Art Sorem'52
1952-'53 President Ruth Warren'54
1954-'55 Sec-Treas Jurine Borton'56
1956-'57 President Art Borton'57
1956-'57 Historian Sandra Mortved'57
1958-'59 Vice Pres Janice Radabaugh '61
1961-'62 President Gary Brooks'62N
1961-'62 Historian Sheriane Weave'62N (Mrs Ron Sorem'61)
1962-'63 Sec-Treas Linda Hughes'63N
1963-'64 President Sharon Nelson'64N
1963-'64 Reporter Loren Book'64N
1964-'65 President Joe Toot'66N
The 4-H format changed to County Council:
1972-'73 Bill Couser'73N Son of Dick Couser '47
1973-'74 Cathy Couser'74N Daughter of Dick Couser '47
1975-'76 Kevin Brooks'77N, Brad Brooks'78
1976-'77 Rick Borton'78N Son of Art Borton '57
1976-'77 Brad Brooks'77N Son of Virgil Brooks '36
1979-'80 Dave Moody
1980-'81 Dave Boswell'81N
1982-'83 Jane Richards'83N
1986-'87 Eric Toot'87N
1987-'88 Erin Toot'89N
1993-'94 Melissa Jacobson'95N
1996-'97 Teri Hughes'97N Daughter of Loyd Hughes '56

STORY COUNTY 4-H HONORARY MEMBERs:
1937 T.B. Warren
1942 Mrs Rexford(Edna) Hughes
1946 T.N. Dueland
1949 Mrs Joseph (Christena) Bailey
1955 C.J.Gauger, Ext Director; the Milford Merry Maids had the honor to initiate him with the bountiful clo ver chain they constructed.
1956 Leslie Henderson, Story County 4-H Chorus Director (1983 son, Dennis Henderson)
1958 Mrs Max Jorgensen
1959 Jim Christy (Dorothy Olson '50/Roland), Ext Youth & Director who had his entire career in Story Co.
1962 Leonard Dueland ('36/Nevada)
1971 John Hattery (husband of Gladys Hansen '30)
1973 Mrs Bernadine Dueland (Leonard '36)
1973 Stanley 'Stan' Egland '41
1974 Mrs Roy (Verna) Borton
1980 Mrs Doris Moser ('49/Fernald) Olson (Dean)
1981 Bob Williams ('51)

Selected as STORY COUNTY 4-H ALUMNI MEMBERS:
1984 Mrs Janet Hansen '60R Collins (Robert 'Bob')
1985 Joe Toot (Barb Jacobson both '66/Nevada)
1996 David and Alice Moody

STORY COUNTY 4-H FAIR BOARD:

Otis Warren, served on the original 1939 Story County 4-H Fair Board. (1+?yrs)

John Sorem, served and was the President in 1951.(1+?yrs)

Leonard Dueland '36, 1950-'90 40 years; Served as President 28 yrs, continuously 1953-1980 except 1957, the 4-H Judging Pavilion, was named in his honor.

Bob Williams '51, 36 years; Served 20 years as President. The 4-H judging arena building was named in his honor.

Roy Borton, 1956-'65 (in his tenth when he died at 54), served as President in 1957.

Virgil Brooks '36, served 5 years.

Art Borton '57, served 10 years.

Brad Brooks (1975-'76), Jr member. As a member 9 years.

Rick Borton (1976-'77), Jr member. As a member 10 years.

STORY COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL:

Virgil Brooks '36, served 4 years

Stanley Egland '42, served as a key member of the 4-H Youth Committee many years.

Glen Egland '43, served as Pres.1980-'81 when the new building for the Story County Extension Service was built on the Story County Fair grounds and provided the leadership for the move from the post office.

Doug Sampson '74 member on the council.

STORY COUNTY 4-H WINNERS qualified for STATE:

1928 Jeanette '28 and Dorothy '31 Sowers, Demo Team

1930 Dorothy Sowers '31 Best Groomed Girl

1931 Vera Stevenson '32 Best Groomed Girl

1932 Mary Allen '34 both the Better Groom Girl and the Style Review Winner.

1938 Dixon Harper '40 Demo on Safe Livestock H'dling.

1939 Dixon Harper '40 showed the Champion Hampshire Boar at the Iowa State Fair.

1939 Dixon Harper '40 Livestock & Grain Judging Teams.

1940 Harlan Harper Jr '41 Livestock & Grain Judging Teams.

1942 Dorothy Harper '43 4-H Citizenship Trophy.

1942 Richard Comfort '42 Health Champion.

1946 Ila Mae Bailey '46 Style Review Winner.

1954 David Allen '55 & Dale Hughes '55 Demo Team, Blue.

1954 Sandra Mortvedt '57 & Jurine Borton '56 National Dairy Congress Demonstration Team.

1954 & '55 Dale Hughes '55 Story County Dairy Judging Team @ National Dairy Cattle Congress.

1955-1956 Jurine Borton '56 5 Home Economics exhibits, all 5 Blue Ribbon.

1956 Judith Jorgensen '57 "Room Exhibit" selected as the 1956 Iowa State Fair display.

1957 Art Borton, Pete Hadley and Norman Honderd (all '57) were the County Livestock Judging Team.

1964 Glen Egland's '43 son, Arlen had Co. Swine Ch'pion

1977 Rick Borton & Brad Brooks were half of the Livestock Judging Team.

1995 Melissa Jacobson (daug of Bob'57) Co Fair Queen.

2003-2007 Milford Marvels Leader reports their club regularly gets to the Iowa State Fair with Working Exhibits activities, Share the Fun performances, and Krystal, Cara and Celsey Moody have had one or more Foods, Home Improvement or Wood Working projects represent Story County.

2006 Cory Sampson, son of Doug and grandson of Glen '43, sold his Reserve Champion Boar Hog for an all time record high at the 4-H auction for 38 thousand dollars! (Pix pg 265)

Sister Amy had the Story County Grand Champion Beef in 2007.

CHICAGO TRIP- STORY COUNTY ANNUAL AWARD

(ca 1952: 3boys, 3girls & 2leaders selected annually on the basis of over all achievement to attend the International Livestock Exposition and tour Chicago) the known winners from Milford Twp were: Art Sorem'52, Ruth Warren'54, Jurine'56 & Art'57 Borton, Loren Book '64N & Sharon Nelson '64N, Kevin Brooks'77N, Rick Borton & Brad Brooks both '77N, Dale'78N& David'81N Boswell.

WASHINGTON DC CITIZENSHIP TRIP- Story County Annual AWARD (ca 1964: A limited number selected for an educational experience at the National 4-H Conference Center in MD) the known winners from Milford Twp were: Joe'66, Eric'87 & Erin'89 Toot, Jackie Borton'82, Denise Handeland'83, Michael'91 & Melissa'94 Jacobson.

SELECTED FOR ASSIGNMENTS:

Stanley Egland '42, Supt Swine Dept, Story Co Fair 12 yrs.

Joe Harper '47, Supt of Swine 1992-'99, Iowa State Fair,

Bob Williams '51, Iowa State Fair Beef Show, 8 yrs.

Jurine Borton Moore '56, Iowa 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees 1994-2000, the maximum of six year.

STORY COUNTY 4-H BUILDERS CLUB MEMBERS:

1954 Charter members: Ruth Warren '54, Dale Hughes '55, Jurine Borton '56 Others?

STORY COUNTY 4-H CHORUS:

1954 Charter members: Ruth Warren '54, Dale Hughes '55, Jurine Borton '56, Loyd Hughes '56, Art Borton '57, Norman Honderd '57 Others?

MILFORD TOWNSHIP LEADERS for special projects:

'49 Doris Moser'49F (Mrs Dean Olson), Horse Project Comm, 24 yrs. Verna Borton (Mrs Roy), Garden, Floral, Field Crops, 1956-'76. She also gave Best of Class awards in each class in all of the categories from 1965 to 2002 in Roy Borton's honor.

Ol' Milford Farmer school of auto mechanic repair say: Can't fix brakes? Make horn louder!

4-H Leaders, 1928-2007

The basis of the following list was provided by the Story County Extension Office. If questions or corrections contact Jurine Borton or Dale Hughes 319 895 6712.

MILFORD MERRY MAIDS, Girls 4-H Club was organized in 1931:

YEAR: LEADERS:

1928 Mrs Frank (Gladys Molde)Vail as "Gritty Pards"
1929-'30 1934, 1936-'38 inactive /no leaders
1931 Mrs Phillip (Mary) Allen '22
1932-'33 Mrs George (Sarah) Sowers
1935 Mrs Russel Hart
1939 Mrs H.W.(Lenora)Borts
1940-'44 Mrs Glenn (Rose) Stratton
1945-'46 Mrs George (Bernice) Allen '27
1946 Mrs Joseph Bailey
1947 Mrs Rhiner(Ida)Honderd
1948 Mrs Donna Hipps, teacher at MTCS
1949 Mrs Ralph (Doris Frey '32) Brodie
1950 Mrs Arnold(Wilma) Munson'42 & Mrs Glen(Ethyleen) Sampson'43
1951-'53 Mrs Rexford (Edna) Hughes
1954-'55 Mrs Max(Dawn)Jorgensen & Mrs Jeffrey(Edith) Rasumsson'32
1956 Mrs Ernest(Gladys)Carsrud & Mrs Homer(Evelyn)Thomas
1957 Mrs Keith(Colleen)Hopkins,Supt1954-'57
1958 Mrs Roy(Verna)Borton & Mrs Mervin (Virginia) Brooks'38
1958-'59 Mrs Cliff(Lucy)Thomsen'37
1959-'62 Mrs Floyd(Grace Tendall'35)Twedt'32 also 1969-'71
1960-'63 Mrs Robert (Maxine) Cooper '50
1963-'64 Mrs Marvin (Delores) Smith Jr'41
1964-'65 Mrs Gerald (Bonita) Sinkler
1965-'69 Mrs Warren(Ona)Nelson
1966 Mrs Guy(Lou)Wakefield Jr'42
1967-'68 Mrs Chester(Gloria)Bills
1969-'72 Mrs Charles'Chuck'(Vera)Davis Jr
1972-'75 Mrs Duane(Barbara Sorem'57)Brodie'56
1972-'74 Mrs Gearold(Edith)Gull
1972-'73 Mrs David(Mary Ann)Heintz
1975-'80 Mrs Gary(Audrey)Handeland(Audrey)
1975-'76 Mrs Gary(Sandra)Clem
1977-'80 Mrs Bob(Regina)Williams'51
1977-'78 Karen Petersen Willson '62

MILFORD HUSTLERS, Boys 4-H Club was organized in 1934:

YEAR LEADERS:

1934 Marvin Smith Sr
1935-'45 Harlan Harper Sr
1948 Bob Cooper
1946-'48 John Sorem
1949-'50 Howard Jacobson
1950 Larry Baldus, Supt.1946-'48
1951 Roy Borton & Richard Sorem'47
1952-'54 John Fitzgerald
1952-'55 Rexford Hughes

In 1952 4-H leader Rex Hughes helps Jurine and Art Borton weigh a pig at the start of a 4-H project year.

1955 John Fitzgerald
1955-'60 Virgil Brooks '36
1956-'60 Jack Strothers
1959-'61 Jeff Rasmusson '32
1961 LaVerne Jacobson '35
1962 Art Borton '57 & Lester Brooks '32
1963-'64 Floyd Twedt '32
1963 Marvin Smith Jr'41
1964-'66 Owen McVey
1965-'73 Bob Williams '51 (not 1967)
1967-'68 Robert Strother & Roger Swanson
1969 Richard Couser'47
1969-'73 Ron Brooks '65N
1974 Eldon Boswell & Duane Brodie '56
1975-'76 Dave Eggers
1975-'77 Donald Brooks '68N
1977 Rob Williams '72N
1978-'80 Bill Couser '73N
1978-'79 Kevin Brooks '77N
1980 Doug Couser '79N

MILFORD MARVELS was organized in 1981 when the Milford Twp girls and boys 4-H Clubs reorganized into one club.

YEAR LEADERS:

1981-'82 Patricia Argenzio, Bill Couser '73N & Doug Couser'79N
1981 Steve Bodensteiner
1981-'82 Audrey Handeland
1982 Mrs David (Francey Scudder) Allen '55, Don Robinson, & Gary Handeland
1982-'83 Loren Book '64N
1982-'84 Mrs Loren (Ruth Horine) Book '64N

1982-'83 Gene Roberts'62N
1982-'91 Joe Toot '66N
1983 Mrs Gene(Kathy Watson)Roberts'62N
1983-'88 Mrs Joe(Barb Jacobson)Toot-both'66N
1987-'95 Mrs Robert'Jake'(Sharon)Jacobson'57
1992-'97 Dan Morrical(not 1993)
1996-'97 Brad Brooks'77N
1996-'98 Teresa Handeland
1996-'97 Mrs Doug(Diana)Sampson'73N
1996 JoAnne Wahl
1996-'09 Mrs David(Alice)Moody &
David'Dave'Moody(not 1998)
1997-'00 Rhonda Posegate-Birchmier(not 1998)
1999-'07 Nancy Bear

Some **MILFORDITES who SERVED as 4-H LEADERS** in **OTHER COMMUNITIES** ('yr is their grad year):
'31 Dorothy Sowers Bielefeldt (Vere), Howard Twp
'32 Mabel Hansen Alfred (Joe'32), Ames Busy Bees
'33 Alvina Dueland Moseback(Howard), Nevada Twp
'34 Mary Allen Vilmont(Homer)
'36 Walter Dale, Grant Twp & Leonard Dueland, Nevada Twp
'40 Dixon'Dix'Harper, served as Jr Leader, Kenosha Co, Wisconsin
'41 Stanley Egland, Richland Midstate
'42 Mytle Nassen Harper (HarlanJr'42), Harden Co. 6yrs
'43 Dorothy Harper Likely, Pattis and Crawford Co, Mo
'43 Glen Sampson, Richland Midstate & Richard Sorensen, Grant Twp
'47 Joe Harper, Colo
'48 Gloria Warren Grant (James)
'49 Doris Moser Olson (Dean), Washinton Happenings
'50 Juanita Warren Behm (John) in WI, 10yrs.
'54 Arlene Steward Hertz (Gerald) in Woodbury and Polk Counties and she also did 4-H Judging in those counties.
'56 Jurine Borton Moore in Linn County- Mari Linn - and helped organize the Springville Sensation. 10 yrs and did 4-H judging in Iowa, Jackson, Johnson and Linn Counties.

Norman Honderd, Art Borton and Pete Hadley won the 1957 Story County 4-H Livestock Judging competition. All three fellows were in the class of 1957 and helped with Milford's success at basketball in both 1956 and 1957. Other 4-H pictures on pages 255, 265, 274+.

Representation in FFA

FFA STATE OF IOWA FARMER AWARD:
1981N David Boswell

FFA STAR FARMER AWARD:
1981 David Boswell
2003 Casey Couser '03/N
2005 Tim Couser '05/N
Both are sons of Bill '73N and grandsons of Dick '47
They also were both in the National Honor Society.
2007 Lucas Tjelmeland '08N Blue award State Fair Tractor Restoration

Ol' Milford Farmer learn: Friction can be a drag sometimes.

1948 TB Screening

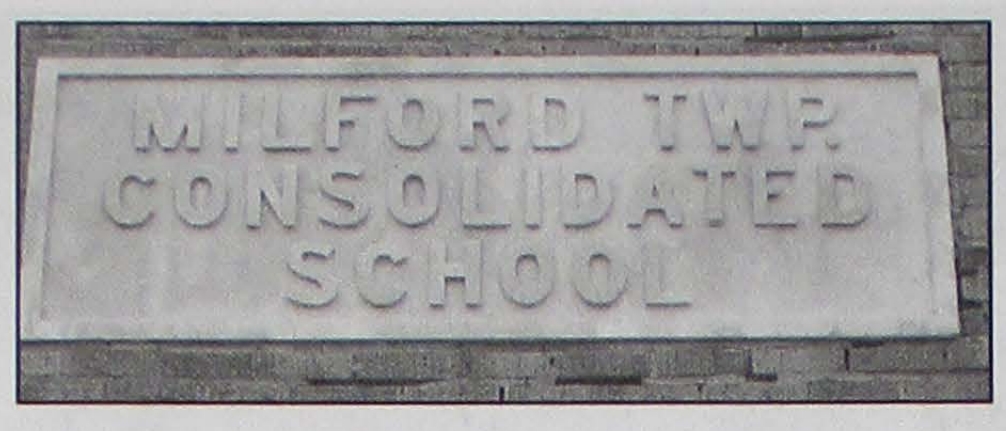
In 1948, for a TB awareness and prevention effort, Milford Twp was selected for a place to have everyone tested for TB. So, on 29 July 1948 the 512 residents were given the opportunity to have a free miniature X-ray taken with overall results studied by the State.

We had been selected, for better or worse, because we were one of the most rural (would this mean isolated?) townships in the State. About 90% of the folks participated despite a violent thunderstorm in the A.M.

Helen Horness '53 received, as a door prize, a fine electric toaster donated by Reedholm Hardware in Nevada.

Below: Ruth Warren '54, has her x-ray taken and her photo taken through the open door of the portable trailer that had been brought to the School by the Story County Tuberculosis Assoc and the Iowa Dept of Health. It is interesting to look at Ruth's styles of the times. The only thing different from a stylish young lady in Jr High now might be the two-toned shoes (saddle shoes). Also pg 319

CHAPTER VII



Potpourri

Items received too late to be included elsewhere or just didn't seem to fit in elsewhere or were somewhat of a duplication and are here in no particular order.

1957 Quartette

Right: The Jacobson brothers, Bill '59 and Bob '57, Norman Honderd '57, and David Bhend '59 formed this Milford group. They all look pretty sharp, and Norman Honderd looks as though he just returned from the "Lawrence Welk" tryouts with his white shoes and spiffy sports coat and then the big professional "chin down a little, head turned a little, look at the camera and smile pleasantly" pose. He could have been on the show on his appearance alone.

Classroll Membership Decline

Given as an example; when the class of 1955 started School in the fall of 1942, there were seventeen students and at graduation there were 7. Because of mechanization, families were becoming fewer. Mary Boten, Lloyd Cooling, Janet Day, Wilbert Hadley, Beverly Jacobson, Joan Latham, Marilyn Ringgenberg, Jimmy Rorabaugh, Everett Thrasher and Gary Tjelmeland were starters and they finished with other classes. See pg 276-279

Juvenile Delinquents

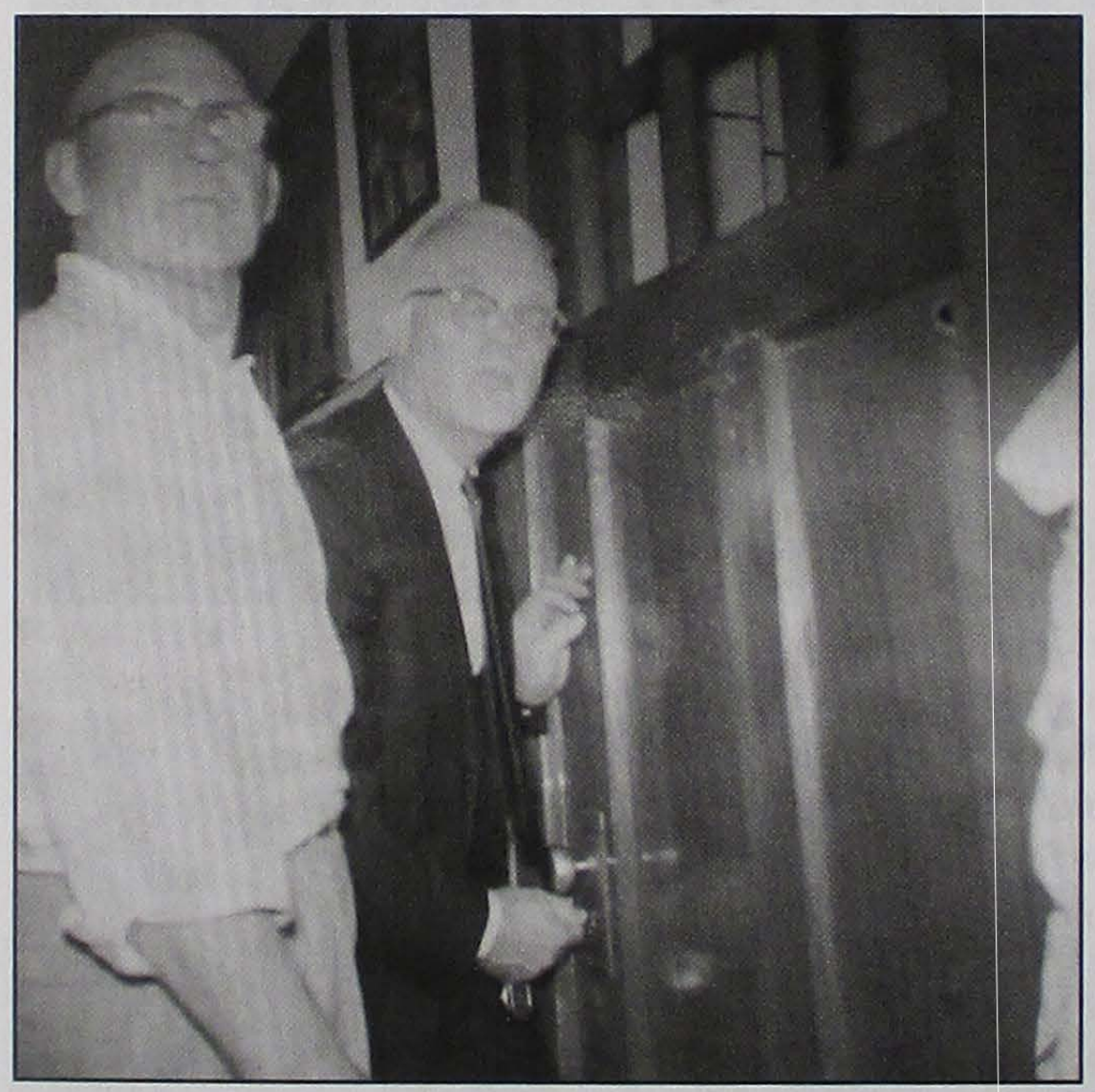
According to the records found, there seems to be very few, almost to the point of none, juvenile delinquents in Milford Twp; but this photo, in the annual of 1955 says otherwise--an entire class, the class of 1955 when they were in fourth grade. This group of youngsters all started the first grade and all completed their twelve year education together. It is reported that this was the first class for every member to go to college.

Shirley	Georgia	Dale	Donna	David	Elizabeth	Alice
Clerical -Sec	Librarian	Farmer	Missionary	Pilot- Farmer	Teacher	Teacher

Ron Pauley

Ron Pauley, '60, takes a break and gets some rest with his parents from his work as a sailor for Uncle Sam. The picture on the wall between Ron and his Mom is Geri Pauley, '62N.

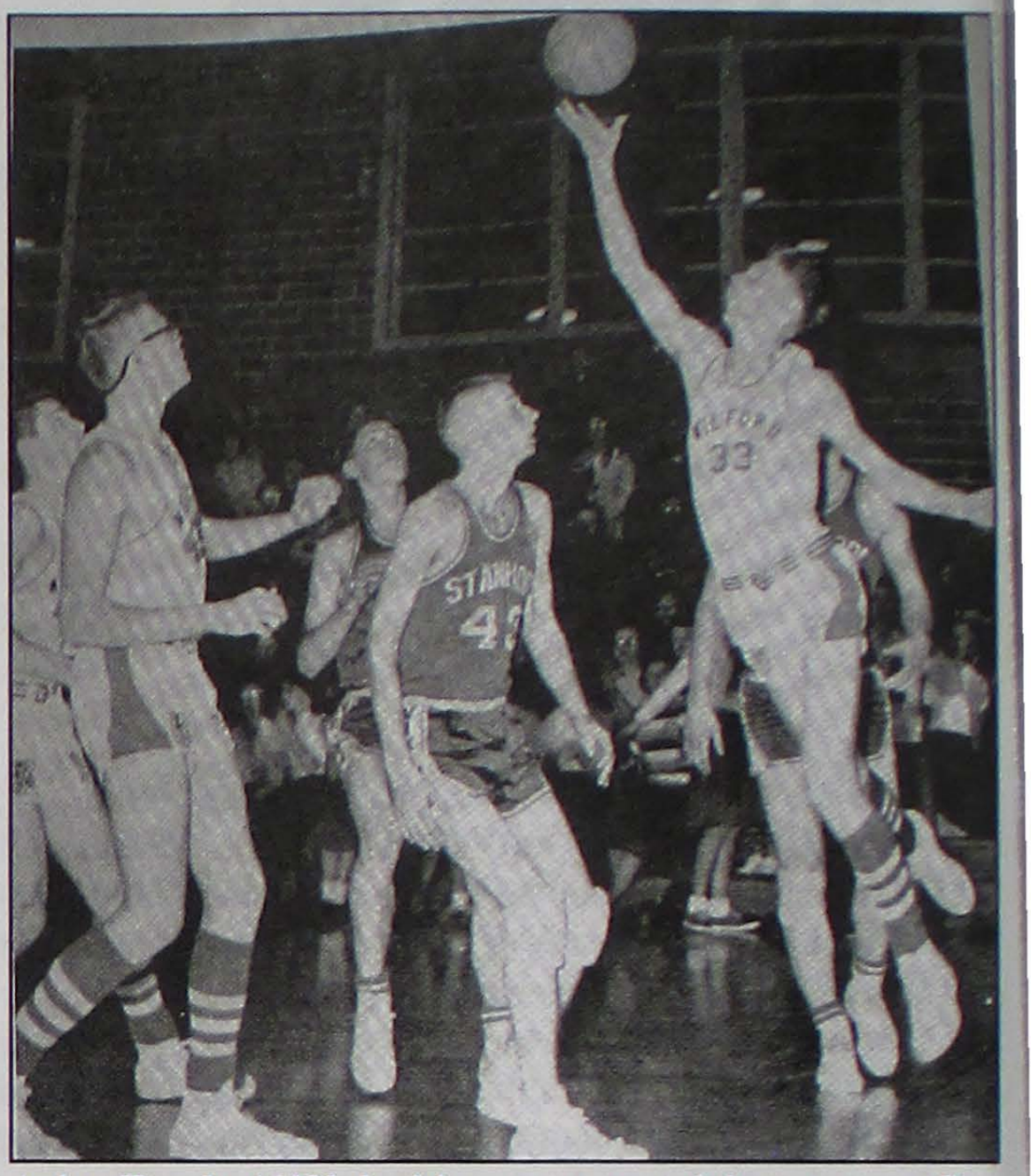
Vic Pauley, Janitor,
and CP Thompson, Supt



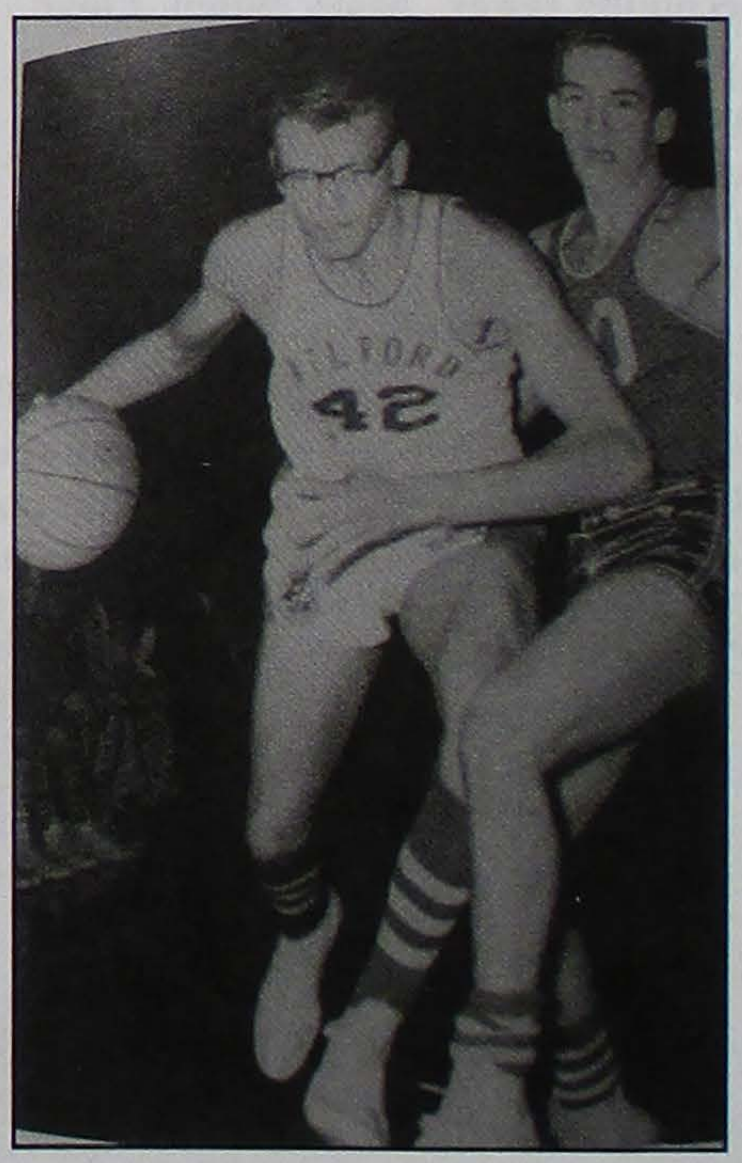
Rarely has it been captured on film so well, but these two guys with their "hands in the cookie jar" expressions is a prize winner.

Ol' Milford Farmer know: no one pay attention until you're wrong.

Arlen Twedt



Arlen Twedt, '62N, looking very graceful, puts up a fingerroll and probably scores for Milford. Perhaps he's rebounding but he looks graceful. Freshman Wayne Tjernagel '64N (glasses) studies the form for future reference while Gary Brooks '62N admires. The game is against Stanhope at Milford.



Left: Excuse me, some room please!

Wayne Tjernagel, '64N as a freshman for Milford in the 1961 season, clears a path for himself.

Wayne is in the "Hall of Fame" section on page 198.

Supt Hopkins

This Korean War era photo explains why the folks of that time could sleep well, knowing their Navy was on duty.

Ol' Milford farmer try to remember: You can't unsay a cruel word.

This picture in the annual was entitled "Future Famous Freaks"- but it's Rodney Hansen,'52; Richard Roberts,'53; Jr. Kuhns, '53; and Roy Hartman,'52; all dressed up and looking very casual.

Perhaps it is just as well this picture is out of focus, but it shows the shop class of 1951 working on some problem.

Lt Dave Allen '55 at sea in the early sixties in front of an A-4, the airplane he flew most while in the Navy. He was qualified to fly 7 different planes. Page 97 also

Left: Carl Christy, who grew up a half mile north of the School and graduated from Nevada. This is the earliest photo found, probably from the First World War era, that portrays a Milford Person as a member of an athletic team.

Carl, as did his Dad, D.O., and his son, "Bill", served on the School Board-- three generations.

Casper Eggland Stars

From the Nevada paper of 7 Feb 1935;

Milford consolidated school has always been noted for its active P.T.A. meetings, but Tuesday evening, "Men's Night" far surpassed them all with a crowd estimated at 800 or more. The spacious auditorium was crowded to capacity with the township people and many surrounding towns, ... , all coming to enjoy the most splendid program featuring "Men's Night". Supt Carl B. Johnson was program chairman and selected the following play, "Last Daze of School" and put on by the following cast of player,

Casper Eggland as the teacher: Mac Allen, school board member and the following pupils: Guy Wakefield, Ray Dulaney, Chas Starbuck, John Allen, Ralph Brodie, Orvil Larson, Hansell Christian, John Lee, Victor Duea, Ross Morfey, Harvey Nassen, Ray Thomas, Fred Preston, Frank Menzel, George Allen and Virgil Duea, who with their zany little schoolboy and girl stunts made it a big success and to say it went over big would be putting it mildly, as it was a most outstanding affair, both as to comedy and the ability of the actors.

Although all filled their parts in a most excellent manner, special comments were made in regard to Casper Eggland as Miss Lilly Primrose, the teacher, all bedecked in glittering long carriage, diamond brooches and long flowing skirt with lace bloque, handled the part with outstanding ability and managed his school in a most capable manner as his erect form of about 6 1/2 feet towered over his pupils

Casper Egland, at about "6 1/2" foot, dressed as a schoolmarm for the Feb 1935 PTA production for "Men's Night" event. The family spells their name with a single "g" but it is very common to see the name with a double "gg".

800 folks filled the Milford Gym, that must have been a very tight fit, and in the middle of winter with the accompanying road troubles. The photo doesn't make it look very wintery but perhaps that is a sheet of ice on the ground behind Casper. The Eglands lived about two miles east of the School. See page 291 for Glen Egland's comments about this play.

Ol' Milford farmer realize; Dirty hands make nose itch.

1937- New York Finds Ideal Family in Milford Township

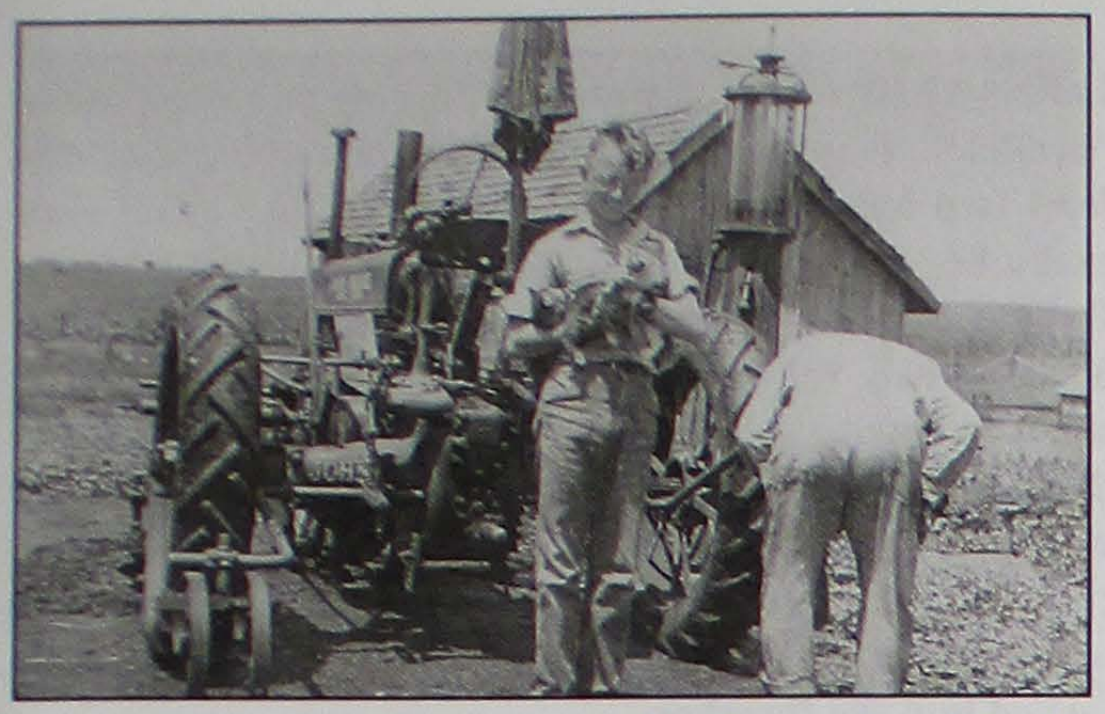
In 1937, when a New York based ad agency wanted an "ideal family" for an advertising campaign for the General Electric Co. they knew where to look- Milford Twp where they found the Harry Sorensen family. The agency sent two photographers, Morton Berger and Arthur Palmer, who, on a pleasant early summer's day in strawberry picking time, took more than 600 pictures of the members of the family engaged in tasks about the farm and home. Berger was a well known photo illustrator who had done work for Pathe News films. No photos of this event could be located and no ads could be found that show any of these views.

The Sorensens lived south of the road about a mile west of the County Home in section 34. In addition to Mr and Mrs Sorensen, the members of the family are the children; Richard, 18-(1937), Kermit, 15-(1940), Marvin, 11-(1944), and Lois, 9-(1945); and Mr Sorensen's brother, Herman. A few pictures on page 320.

Spring of 1929: The members of the Milford Merry Maids, M. M. M., club will hold a dinner Thursday night for themselves and a few guests. The dinner is held for the purpose of teaching the girls principles of serving. This was before the founding of the 4-H clubs and when these clubs were established in 1932 the girls retained the name and formed a 4-H club.

Salaries Changes

The School Board of March 1931, with Guy Wakefield as President, made a general cut of 10 to 15 % in all salaries. In 1934 the Board voted a 20% increase in salaries.



Clayton Clifford, '45, tends to the livestock while his Dad, Hermus, works on the equipment; or is he really adding an editorial comment about repairing farm machinery?

Ross Morfey fuels up the AC which is going to be pulling the AC combine in this late thirties view of farming. The other two fellows are unidentified. An operator really had to "stay with it" with one of these machines to get 20 acres a day done.

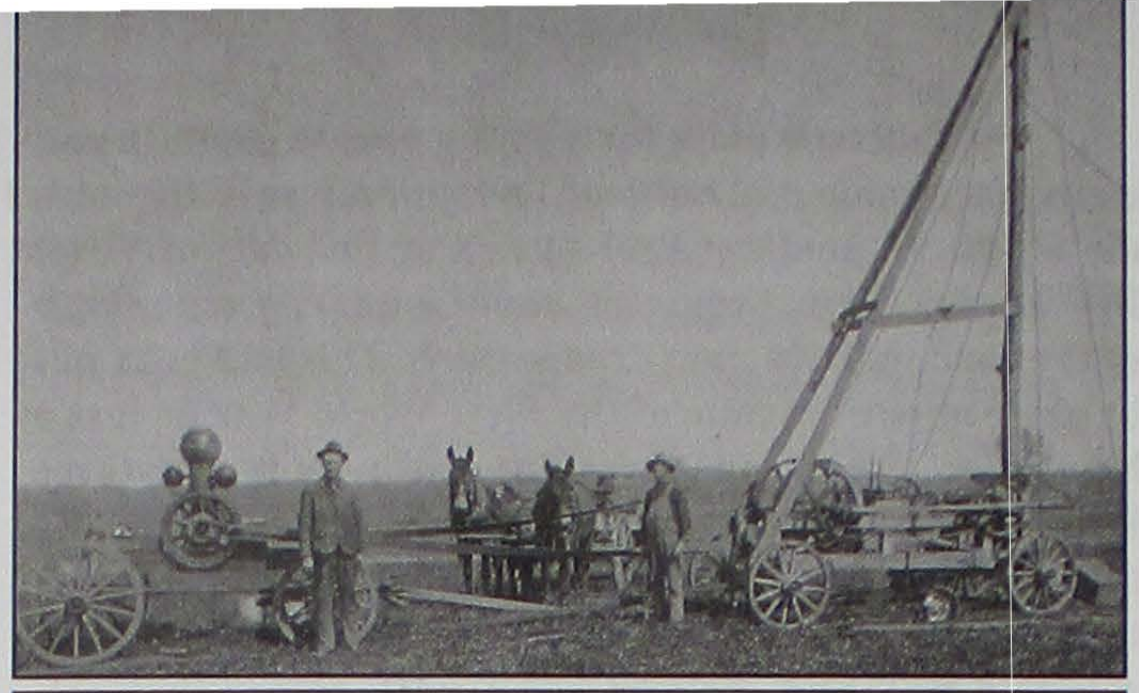
Below: The Senior Class of 1945 on the east side of the School. Note the fine and stylish parking railing. Front: Clayton Clifford, Wesley Warren, Wally Tjelmeland, Teacher Depha Massen.
Back: Madeline Huschka, Katherine Olinger, Isabelle Brooks, Lois Sorensen, Arlene Williams-Bob Williams is her "little" brother.

The Dredge Ditch

A fantastic place for a young man to grow up and experience some real outdoor recreation was in the middle of Sec 27, south of Phil Allen's or just east of Virgil Brooks; for there, beginning about a quarter mile south of the road, was an open dredge ditch. This had been put in place about the time of the First World War or just a bit earlier. There was a cement wall with two or three large tile that flowed year round and some smaller tile that ended at this point. During some very rainy periods the water coming from the northwest had overflowed the concrete wall and scoured out a quite impressive hole just a couple rods past the end of the tile. This made a deep, clear swimming hole about 25- 30 feet across and maybe ten or so foot deep. The water was so clear and inviting on a hot summer's day that it was very difficult to resist the temptation to take a plunge and cool off. One could watch the fish lazily floating and gliding through the crystal clear water. However, that same clear inviting water was not warm or even cool. It was too cold for continued swimming and splashing from its long flow under ground from upstream three or more miles where it drained some very good sized ponds that used to be classified as slews.

Down across Sec 27 the soil from the dredging had been piled along the bank of the ditch and it was along this east side of the ditch that Dave Allen and I would occasionally go snapping turtle hunting. These were good sized turtles, perhaps 10 to 14 inches across the back and with a beak that, if they clamped onto something could do some real damage. We'd head south and keep an eye out for them and when we spotted one, we'd push a stick at him and when he clamped down, we could pull him up to the top of the bank and there we could turn him over on his back and continue our hunt on to the south. After we'd gone a few hundred yards and turned over maybe three or four, we'd head back to the north to pick up these turtles. Probably half of them would have righted themselves and be gone, but we really didn't care. We would carry them by the tail back up toward the tile outlet, with what purpose, I don't recall because, as I recall we never did anything with them except release them.

The last time we ever did this, we were walking north with a stiff breeze from the east and Dave was carrying a turtle with his right hand. It swung around and clamped down on his trouser leg and how it kept from getting some leg flesh with the wind holding the trouser leg tightly against his leg, we don't know but we knew we'd been lucky. It tore a nice sized hole in his trouser before we could convince it to release its grip. Anyhow, it was a learning experience and made us realize that perhaps our Dads weren't so wrong when they had told us, "Boys, don't play with those things". Dale Hughes '55

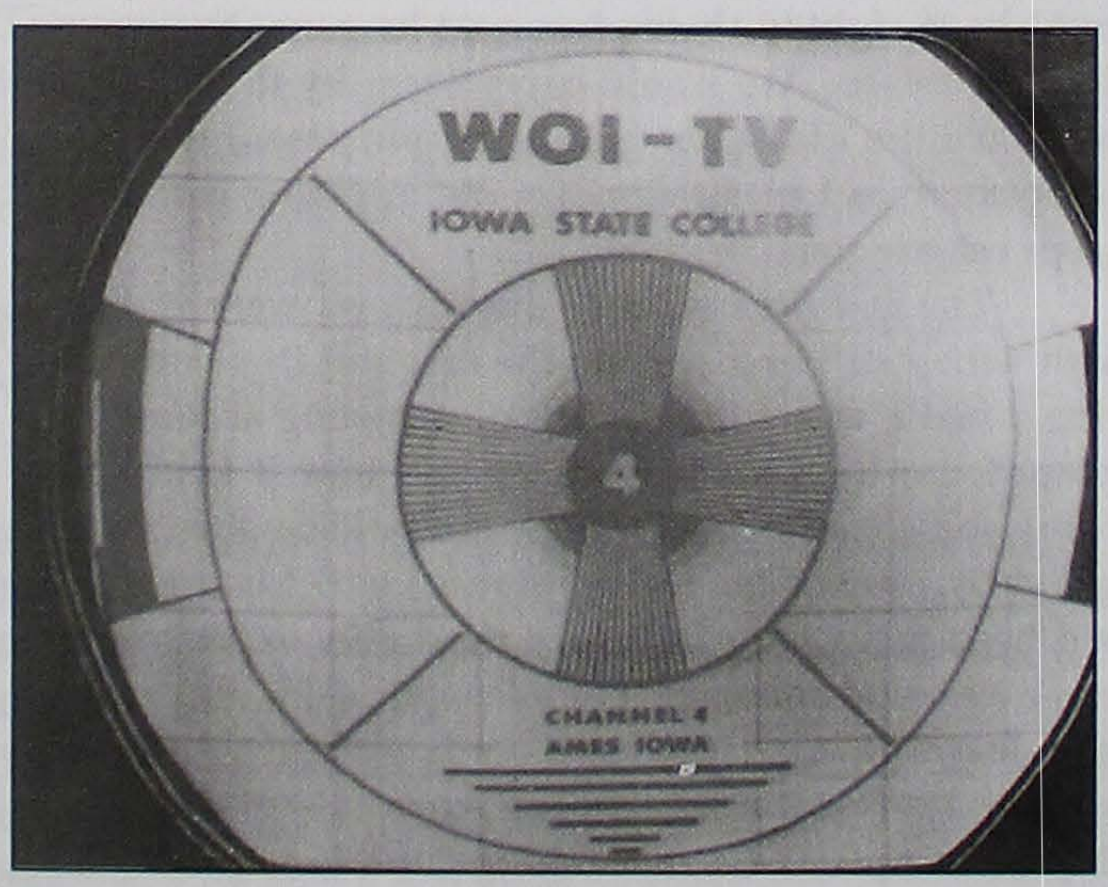


Left and Left center: A water drilling rig and a harvester "header". It is doubtful that either picture is from Milford Twp but, never the less, the top picture could very easily be. The lower of the two is most likely taken in Dakota by some Milford people who went there. The header was a very labor intensive device for harvesting small grains. The horses actually pushed the reaper through the field and the fellow standing over the horses steered the device with a lever that was between his knees. It did not bind the grain into bundles, but merely piled it into a wagon seen at the right. Then the grain had to be forked into the thresher.

Another Horse Story for Milford Twp

SB Frey, who lived a mile and a quarter west of the current Milford School on the south side of the road, had quite a horse breeding business in the early part of the twentieth century. He advertised that he had high class stallions for sale at all times but his prize stallion; Well, he was simply called "Milford Stud".

WOI-TV, out of Ames Iowa, started program broadcasting on 21 Feb 1950 and was the 100th TV station in the nation. They had quite limited hours of operation and, for a while, people would set and simply watch the test pattern- but that degree of interest did not last long. WOI originally broadcast on Channel 4 but has switched to channel 5.



The Class of 1945.

Below: They had reason to be happy. School was about over and so was the War in Europe. (VE Day 8 May 1945) Front: Madeline Huschka, Arlene Williams, Teacher Delpha Masson, Isabelle Brooks, Clayton Clifford. Back: Wesley Warren, Katherine Olinger, Wally Tjelmeland, and Lois Sorensen. Some class history page277

Below: It's fun to consider just how comfortable, or uncomfortable, the class members are when posing with the cigarettes.

This enlargement from a very small 1939 springtime snapshot is one of only a few photos showing the kiosk that sat between the front door of the school and the road up until about 1944. Also notice the hedge planted by the manual training class in about 1935.

Just two tidbits of information from the 27 July 1864 Nevada Newspaper: ***The first regular freight train ran to Nevada yesterday.***
The masons have commenced the labor of laying the foundation for the new court house.

The Morfeys

Edward George "Ted" and Bertha Elsie Porter "Grandma" Morfey
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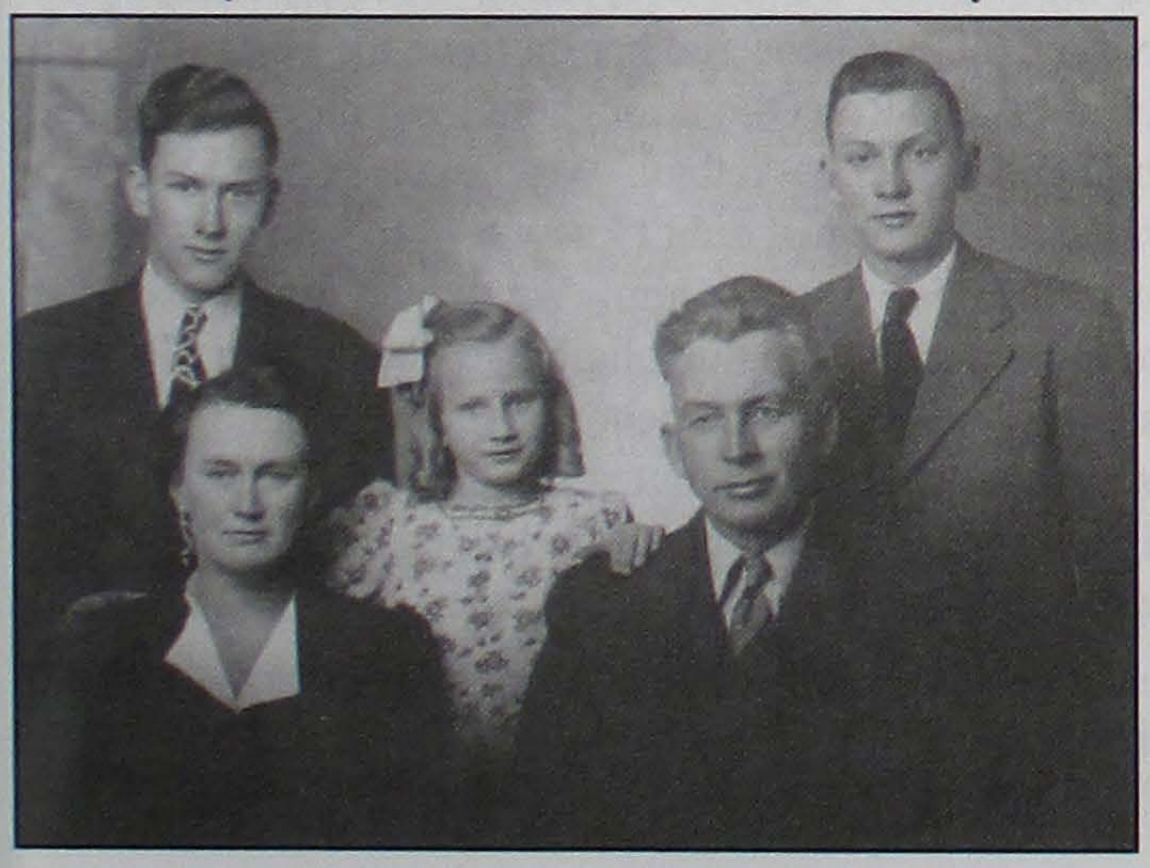
Below: Back Row: Russell '44, Marlene '57, and Donald '46, Morfey- Front Row: Grace and Ross Morfey



Marlene Morfey relates:

About 1931 when Donald Morfey was 3, he came into Mom saying, "moke" "moke." She hurried outside to see smoke curling out of the barn. She had to run up to the Superintendents to call for help. All of the building were in good condition except for the house. The contents of the house were carried across the road to the ditch. All the buildings except the house burned. My Mother, Grace always said it was sure nice to have the house to live in even if it was old and drafty. The next day it was open house at the County Farm, and most of those visitors drove thru our farm to see what the farm looked like with building burned down. A few days later when the hay was still smoldering, my Dad, Ross asked Donald, "Why did you burn down daddy's barn?" "I burned my fingers" was his reply. Burned matches were found around the stock tank.

My Grandparents, the E.E. Morfeys also had a fire in the 1930's. Some sparks set the roof of their house on fire and it burned. Their farm is 2½ miles South of Milford and was purchased in 1903.

It came along when my parents, Ross Edward and Grace Opal Anderson Morfey were 41 and 39 years old. Lavon Williams asked my Dad to come up and help move a stove. Dad went right up in his work clothes. There were the men of the community gathered together to have a baby shower on my Dad. He was always surprised that it wasn't a joke but a serious baby shower.

In 1931, the Morfeys lived the first place south of the School on the east side, just south of the Arrasmith Station.

Left:
Ross Morfey in his basketball uniform. The date of the picture is unknown but perhaps it was for a alumni-varsity game.
The Morfeys are a five generation Milford Twp family. Daughter, Marlene Carleson, has four boys. John '66, Tim '68, Russell '75, and steven '80. John and Tim attended Milford.
Russell Carleton lives on the family farm. Pg 237

Jack Allen '56 gives an academy award performance in trying to pick up a charging foul from Larry Barker of Shipley. Ron Otto '56, 00, studies the scene and raises his hand to vote for the "charging" foul.

Edit: The following article, written by Irene Hodgson '56, in 2007 gives, along with other memories, an explanation of the closing of the Story County Home.

Memories of Milford School

by Irene Hodgson '56

"My days at Milford School began in 1954. My parents moved from Eldora to Nevada in January of 1953. When I left Eldora, I was in chorus, and in a class play, and a basketball cheerleader, and was really enjoying my first year of high school. It was really hard to change schools at this point in my life.

"I went to Nevada High School for one semester, and then my parents found a house in the country, and informed me that I had to change schools again. I couldn't believe that they were going to make me go to a little country school. My life couldn't have been worse. I was really depressed and made up my mind that I wasn't going to like Milford no matter what it was like.

"My first day at Milford High School started September, and I had a real attitude. However, I found a lot of friendly faces, and the kids in my class (a big class of eleven) wanted to know all about me. The teachers were very helpful, and tried to make the new kid feel at home. I tried really hard not to like it, but I met some nice people and decided that maybe I could tolerate going to a country school.

"Lois Sandell was one of my favorite teachers. We nicknamed her Mama Sandell, because she always had a bit of advice for each one of us, and tried very hard to teach the girls to behave as young ladies, and the boys to be gentlemen. She really had her job cut out for her. Believe it or not, she groomed me so well that I received the Homemaker of Tomorrow award. I know that Jurine Borton, who had been in 4H since babyhood, couldn't believe it any more than I could, but regardless the award was mine. I think God was trying to tell me that I could achieve whatever I wanted no matter where I went to school, and it was time to stop sulking. So I did.

"For a small school, Milford offered us all many of the opportunities that were available in much larger schools. Mrs Schindler, the music teacher, pushed us all to reach our greatest potential. In those days we had music contests, and I sang solo, and got a one at the state contest, but only because of the hours that Mrs Schindler spent practicing with us all.

"Mr Voigt was the band teacher, and thought we all had to potential to play an instrument. However, that was not one of my talents, so when she started a marching band, she decided that I could be the majorette. We had the opportunity to march in the Drake Relay parade and at Veishea. We all thought we were pretty good, and I still think we were. I really learned to blow that whistle and do my struts.

"I also tried my hand at basketball, with Ev Cochran as our fearless coach. He tried really hard to make a basketball player out of me, but unfortunately both of us realized that my coordination and talent wasn't what was needed to play basketball. I finally asked him if it wouldn't be a good idea if I was a cheerleader instead of a basketball player, and he readily agreed. Actually it was a good decision for both of us, and I could out yell everyone in the crowd, and eventually goaded them into doing the same. When we became county champions, we all were hoarse by the end of the game, and I felt as much a team member as the players.

"Shirley Meyer Hovland became my best friend in school, and we did everything together, except play basketball, but I cheered her on to be the best. The two of us tutored Ron Otto throughout his junior year to keep him eligible for basketball. We convinced him he wasn't really dumb, he just didn't know how to study, so we felt it was our job to teach him. We did get him to pass the tests needed to keep him eligible to play basketball. Our senior year, my good friend moved to Roland, and we were basketball rivals, but still remained friends. Jurine Borton and Hazel Horness then helped me tutor Ron, and we were all able to graduate together.

"Government was my favorite class. It was taught by our Superintendent, Keith Hopkins.I hated History, and wasn't looking forward to Government, but

somehow Mr Hopkins made it interesting. It didn't hurt that he had the neatest smile I had ever seen. We just had to get him to smile a little more often. Duane Brodie felt responsible to make everyone smile as often as possible. We were sitting in class on a very warm day in May, and all of the windows were open. I had a habit of scooting my shoe down to my big toe and swinging it back and forth (it sounds like a nervous habit, but what was there to be nervous about with Hoppie teaching the class). Duane grabbed my shoe and threw it out the window before I knew what was going on. Mr Hopkins, unfortunately, looked up about the time my shoe was flying across the room, and out the window. He got up from his desk, and said "Miss Hodgson, where is your shoe?" I replied, "I'm not sure." Mr Hopkins said "Mr Brodie, do you know where Miss Hodgson's shoe might be." Duane just grinned and said "I believe it might have gone out the window." Hoppie very strongly suggested that he go get it, and gave us both detention.

Howard 'Sandy' Sandell, Mrs Lois Sandell, Irene Hodgson '56, and Supt Kieth Hopkins at the 1955 Jr-Sr Banquet in the Flamingo Club in Marshalltown. Greatly enlarged version of a small snapshot.

"Graduation seemed to come up in a hurry. As we get older, we certainly know how fast time goes by. Graduation was very special to me, not only because my high school days were over, but because I became engaged that day. However, it didn't stop me from crying at the ceremony, grieving the end of a wonderful time of my life.

"Instead of going to Teachers College in Cedar Falls, I got married and went to work at the Highway Commission (D.O.T.). I was married to Don Pierce on October 21, 1956. We had three children (Scott, Rod & Shelly), and when the last of the three (daughter, Shelly) went to school, I went to work for Howard Sandell, or Sandy as everyone called him. I was his part time secretary. It was almost like old home week for me, because Sandy's wife Lois, was my Home Economics teacher at dear old Milford High. Sandy played the piano for many of our productions, including the much loved style show that Lois produced. Our sextet sang Singing in the Rain, and Vernon Olson and I followed with Blue Skies.

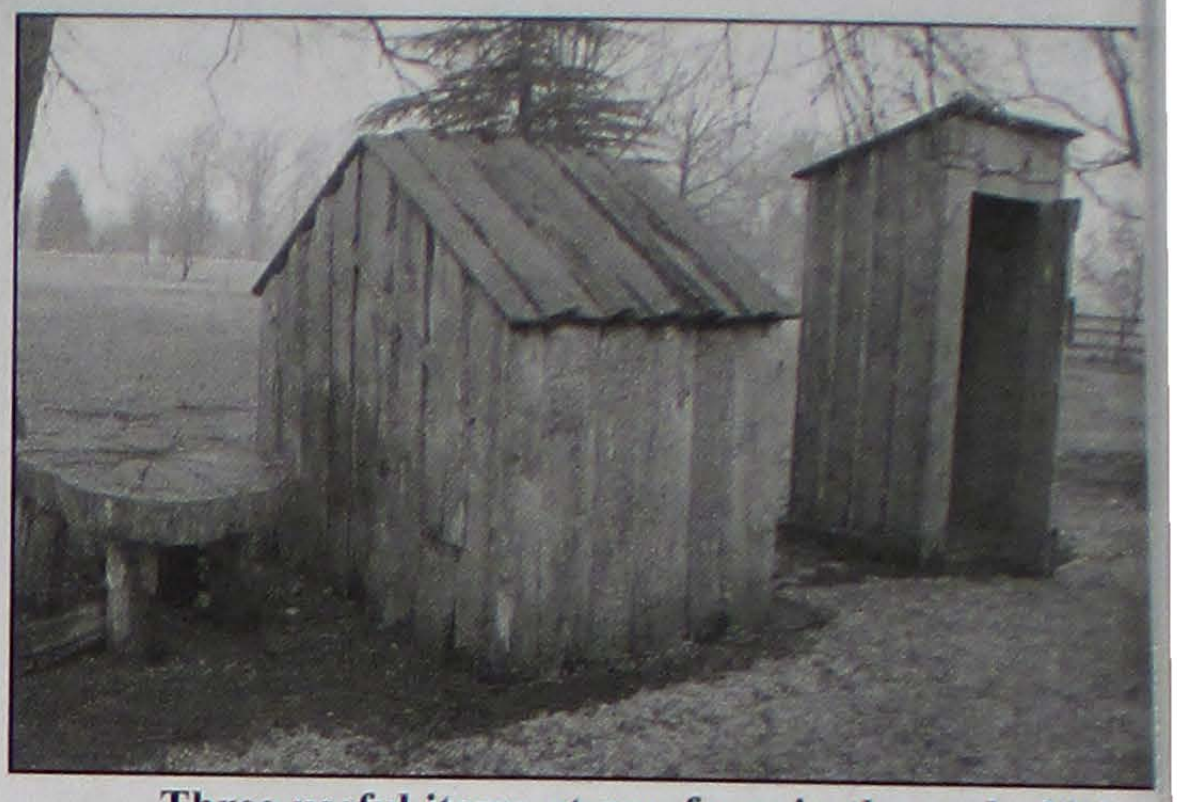
"At that point in my life I had no training beyond high school. Through the years as I worked for Sandy, he began to give me more and more responsibility. He and Lois went to their wonderful cabin on Ten Mile Lake in Minnesota for a month in the summer. He said he was so glad that he had someone responsible enough to take care of the office in his absence. Sandy was thinking of retirement after I had worked for him for eight years. So he began grooming me for his job. I will forever be grateful to him for the opportunity. Sandy retired in 1984, and I applied for his job. I was hired by a three male Board of Supervisors. They had high expectations of me, and Sandy was a hard act to follow.

"Throughout the next few years the human services field changed immensely. The State of Iowa started giving more responsibility to the counties. Story County was the first County in Iowa to take over the mental health services. The Board of Supervisors appointed me as the Mental Health Coordinator. Part of my responsibility was to create programs to help the mentally ill and the mentally retarded become more self sufficient. I worked very closely with Don and Dorothy Anderson, who were the Administrators of the Care Facility or as it was previously called the County Home.

"Larry Rohret followed the Andersons as the Care Facility Administrator. We began to partner to create a program that would move the folks at the old County Home into homes or apartments in town, and help them get jobs. We receive a lot of opposition to this plan, but we had the full support of the Board of Supervisors. Larry and I submitted a written plan to the board that was available to the public for review. From that point, we held public hearings, at different towns in the county for public comment. After following every avenue to insure

that the public understood the plan. There was still some opposition, but the board approved the plan, and the new Community Life Program became effective. Three group homes were built in Ames, and an administrative building/workshop. A lot of time and effort went into this program, and the planning and follow through. During the transition, Larry Rohret let his employment with the county and Gayla Hardin was hired as the Comrnunity Life Director.

"My education at Milford Township was instrumental in providing me with the leadership skills that I needed, first to get the job as Community Services Director, and second to be able to submit programs to the Board of Supervisors, and to convince the public to accept the programs. Through the years, I took classes at night to give me the skills to keep my job at the top notch level that was expected by the Board of Supervisors. Lois and Howard Sandell would have been proud of their final product. I worked for Story County for thirty four years, and retired with a wonderful send off given by my staff of fifteen, and the current Board of Supervisors."

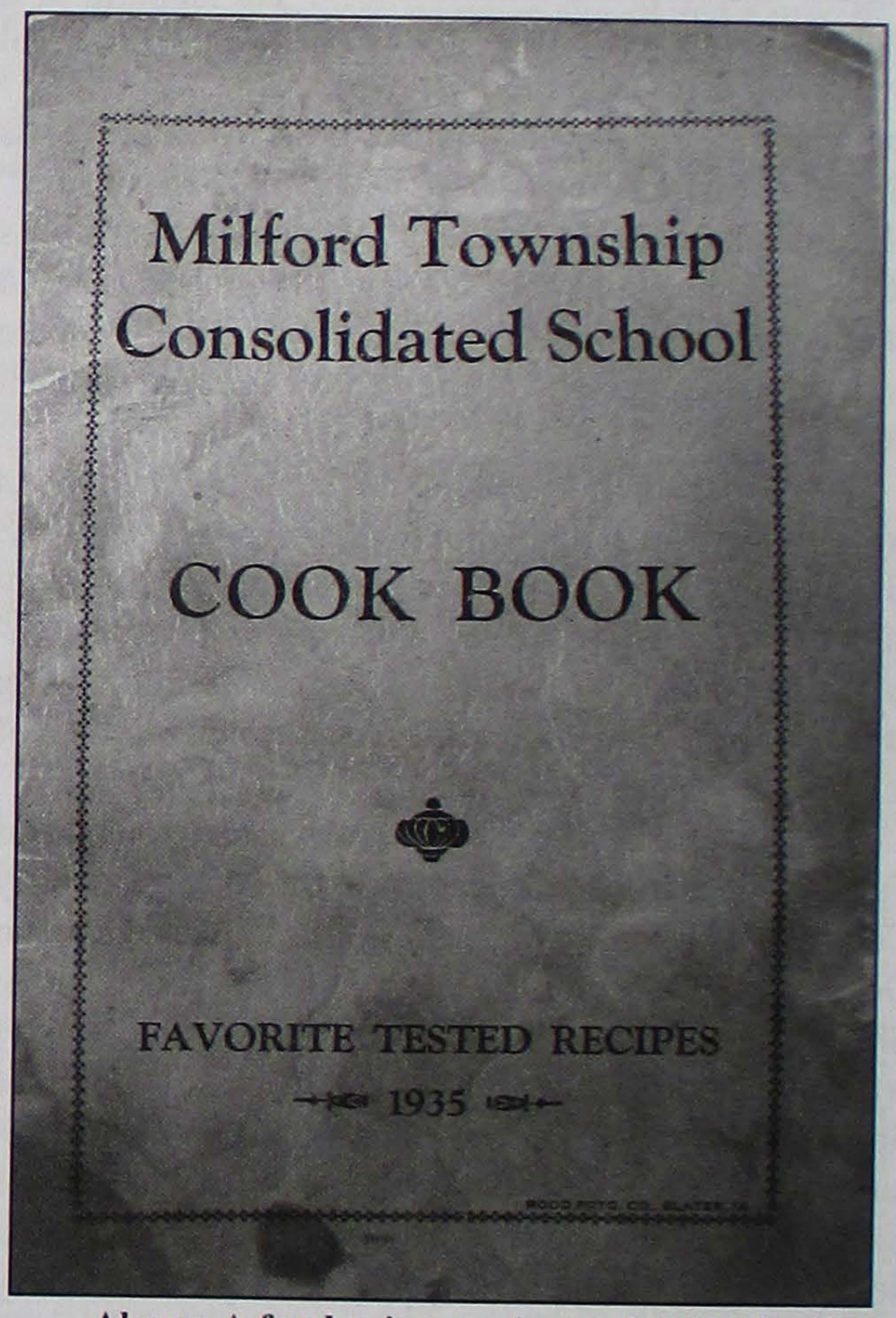


Three useful items at any farm in the early 20th century were, from left to right, the "chicken chopping block", the wood shed- more likely the coal shed, and the necessities house. Shown here at a Living History Site.

Caroling at the County Home

In the Christmas season of 1956 the High School students went to the Story County Home to sing a few songs and share the Christmas spirit. This was not done by the High School enough to be called a tradition but the 4-H Clubs did make the trip literally every year.

Many of the students enjoyed the time spent at the County Home but, on the other hand, there were those who did not because of one reason or another. Some saw things they did not want to see and reflected on these things happening to their older loved ones. Some commented of the stifling heat and the unfamiliar or unpleasant odors which took no imagination to identify them. Even though students had one memory or another, few forgot their experience to the Story County Home.



Above: A fund raiser project published in 1935. It contains about 300 recipes and the name of the submitter is included so it makes interesting reading. Also, there are numerous ads with the telephone numbers on a few- such as Peterson Floral at phone 7 or 7-2R Nevada or Reedholm Hardware phone 101 Nevada.

A portion of the proceeds were used to put new soundboard at the back of the stage.

A Bob Sled. Your winter time, road closed because of snow, air-conditioned transportation to school.

1922 License Plates

Story County had the prefix number of "86" in the system of numbering used that year instead of the "85" that became well known to all those who paid any attention in the fifties and Sixties. This was accomplished by assigning the numbers 1-5 to the counties with more than 10,000 cars. Then the remaining 94 counties were placed alphabetically, and Story was number "86". The plates were 5 1/2 by 15 inches and had black 4 inch numbers on an aluminum background. Story County received 5,700 plates. This, apparently, was the first year a county numbering system was used on the car license. Truck numbers went from 37,401 thru 37,900

911 System in Milford Twp

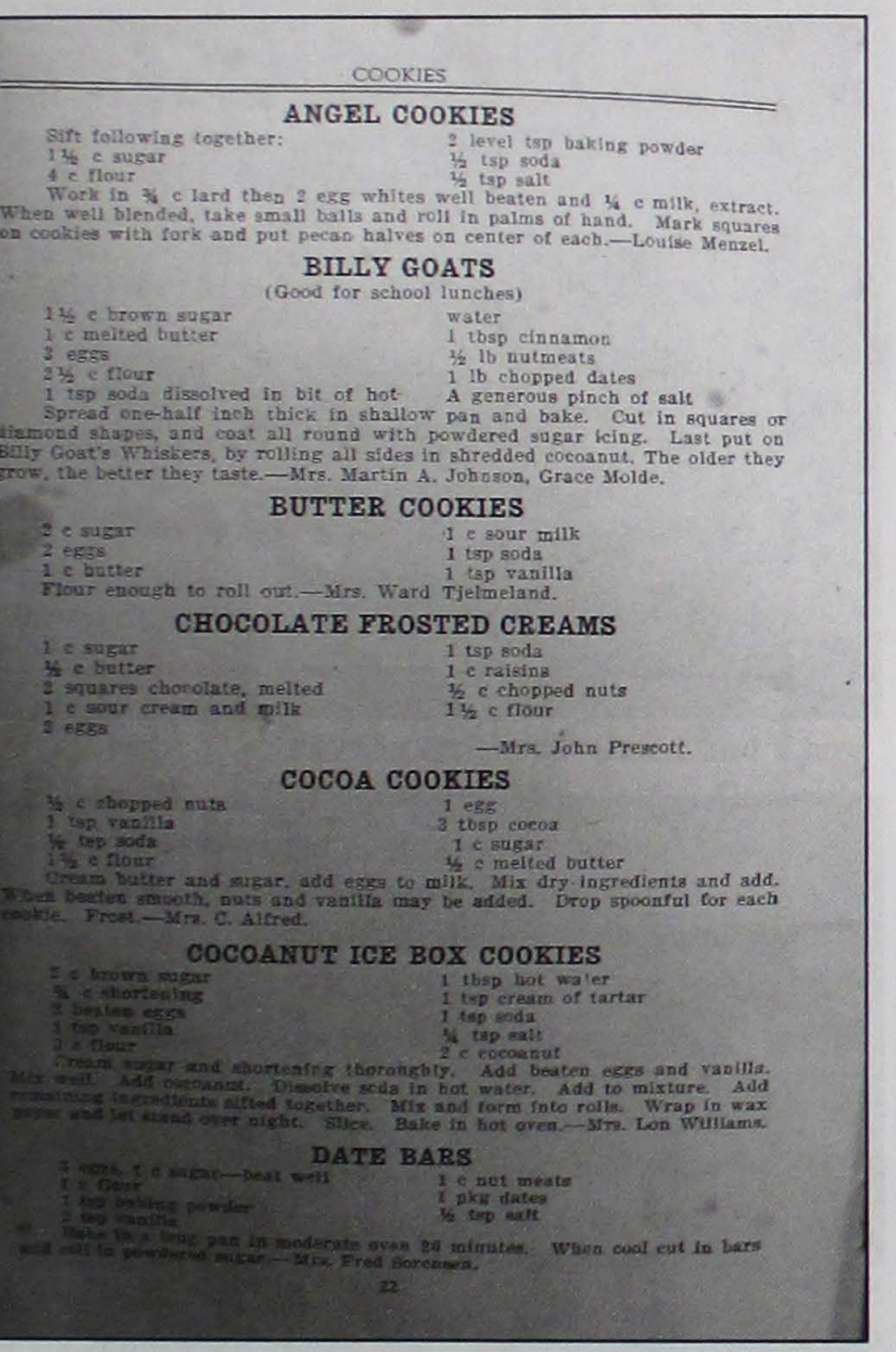
1987 – Local Option Sales Tax – was passed to fund the establishment of the E911 telephone service and address system.

December 12, 1989 – 28E Agreement was jointly signed with the E911 Board

February 7, 1995 – the address system that was designed for Story County was completed

April 30, 1996 – Ordinance No. 52 was adopted (the ordinance that guided the rural addressing system for the unincorporated areas in Story County).

Fall of 1996 – the system was implemented



COOKIES

ANGEL COOKIES

Sift following together:
1½ c sugar
4 c flour
2 level tsp baking powder
½ tsp soda
½ tsp salt

Work in ¾ c lard then 2 egg whites well beaten and ¼ c milk, extract. When well blended, take small balls and roll in palms of hand. Mark squares on cookies with fork and put pecan halves on center of each.—Louise Menzel.

BILLY GOATS

(Good for school lunches)

1½ c brown sugar
1 c melted butter
3 eggs
2½ c flour
1 tsp soda dissolved in bit of hot water
1 tbsp cinnamon
½ lb nutmeats
1 lb chopped dates
A generous pinch of salt

Spread one-half inch thick in shallow pan and bake. Cut in squares or diamond shapes, and coat all round with powdered sugar icing. Last put on Billy Goat's Whiskers, by rolling all sides in shredded cocoanut. The older they grow, the better they taste.—Mrs. Martin A. Johnson, Grace Molde.

BUTTER COOKIES

2 c sugar
2 eggs
1 c butter
1 c sour milk
1 tsp soda
1 tsp vanilla

Flour enough to roll out.—Mrs. Ward Tjelmeland.

CHOCOLATE FROSTED CREAMS

1 c sugar
½ c butter
2 squares chocolate, melted
1 c sour cream and milk
2 eggs
1 tsp soda
1 c raisins
½ c chopped nuts
1½ c flour

—Mrs. John Prescott.

COCOA COOKIES

½ c chopped nuts
1 tsp vanilla
½ tsp soda
1½ c flour
1 egg
3 tbsp cocoa
1 c sugar
½ c melted butter

Cream butter and sugar, add eggs to milk. Mix dry ingredients and add. When beaten smooth, nuts and vanilla may be added. Drop spoonful for each cookie. Frost.—Mrs. C. Alfred.

COCOANUT ICE BOX COOKIES

2 c brown sugar
¾ c shortening
2 beaten eggs
1 tsp vanilla
2 c flour
1 tbsp hot water
1 tsp cream of tartar
1 tsp soda
¼ tsp salt
2 c cocoanut

Cream sugar and shortening thoroughly. Add beaten eggs and vanilla. Mix well. Add cocoanut. Dissolve soda in hot water. Add to mixture. Add remaining ingredients sifted together. Mix and form into rolls. Wrap in wax paper and let stand over night. Slice. Bake in hot oven.—Mrs. Lon Williams.

DATE BARS

3 eggs, 1 c sugar—beat well
1 c flour
1 tsp baking powder
2 tsp vanilla
1 c nut meats
1 pkg dates
½ tsp salt

Bake in a long pan in moderate oven 20 minutes. When cool cut in bars and roll in powdered sugar.—Mrs. Fred Sorensen.

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A page from the 1935 MTCS cookbook with recipes from Lousie Menzel, Grace Molde, Mrs's Ward Tjelmeland, Fred Sorensen, Lon Williams, C. Alfred, John Prescott, & Martin Johnson. Pbl by Rood at Slater. What the cause and how much the book cost and how much it raised have not been recorded.

A view to the northwest with Indian Hill on the very left and Stagecoach Hill at the location of the buildings on the right. They are in the south half of Sec 4. The land in the foreground is in Sec 9 and, to the left a little over a quarter mile, is the location of the 1860 wagon fire incident that killed 6- information from Homer Boyes, whose father lived in the area shortly after the incident. Blueberry School (Number 2) stood about 150 yards to the north of the photographer on the west side of the road.

The class of 1946 as perhaps eighth graders in spring 1942 with Roger Harper, Don Morfey, Loren Sampson, Loren Rierson, Bob Watson, Lendell Manley in the front row. The identification is missing, however, it is thought that left to right the girls are Marguerete Halverson, Barbara Hansen, Margaret Matters, Lola Arneson, Ila Bailey, Mavis Warren, Patty Allen with J Edwin Lee, Jr High Teacher.

A gathering of some of the guys of '46-'47: Bob Watson, Don Morfey, Roger Harper, Richard Stevenson, Kenny Watson, Joe Harper, Stanley Sorem probably at the gas pump that was to the northeast of the janitor's door to the School just before the class "skip day" to Des Moines.

Rhoda '50, Norman '57, and Ida Honderd in about 1946. Ida was the former Ida Jacobs and attended Pleasant Grove School. Ida became the "go to" person for any information about the Pleasant Grove area and Rhoda was the "go-to" person for Milford Alumni Reunions.

Notice the "old" style 4-H uniform worn by Rhoda. It is thought this style was changed in about 1947.

The sixteenth annual Reunion of the Milford Alumni Association was held in Nevada on 7 June 1946. James McCord acted as toastmaster. A crowd of about 70 attended. The following year the event was held at a tea room at Younkers in Des Moines in early May.

Skip Day spring 1946, Don Morfey, Bob Watson, Roger Harper, and Lendell Manley take a break on a lawn in Des Moines.

The Class of 1946

Skip Day in Des Moines 1946. Back: Bob Watson, Middle: Lendell Manley, Roger Harper, Don Morfey. Front: Barbara Hanson, Shirley Gardner, Patty Allen, Ila Mae Bailey.

Ol' Milford Farmer know: a budget is an organized way to go broke.

Above: Milford Merry Maids' representative, Ila Mae Bailey '46, third from left, won the Story County 4-H Dress Review in 1946. Photo taken at the 4-H Community Building in Nevada. The outfit cost Ila $11.00.

Pleasant Grove School in about 1917: L-R: Viola or Bertha Haas, Mildred Starkey, Teacher Vista Raines, Helen Starkey, Ida Jacobs, Gertrude Harper, and Cary Starkey along the south side of the School.

Lower: At Pleasant Grove (No order given) Si, Bert, and Casper Thompson; Lyman Morgan; Floyd, Bill, Carrie, Mildred, and Helen Starkey; Galen and Clare Sowers; Bertha and Viola Haas; Ida Jacobs, Gertrude Harper. Probably in 1917 also. At one time during this time period there were 36 pupils.

Not that it has a lot to do "with and to" Milford Twp, but it's interesting to note that the four "standardized" time zones were established on 18 Nov 1883 from pressure by the Railroads and the traveling public. There had previously been 53 (fifty three) different time zones across the US.

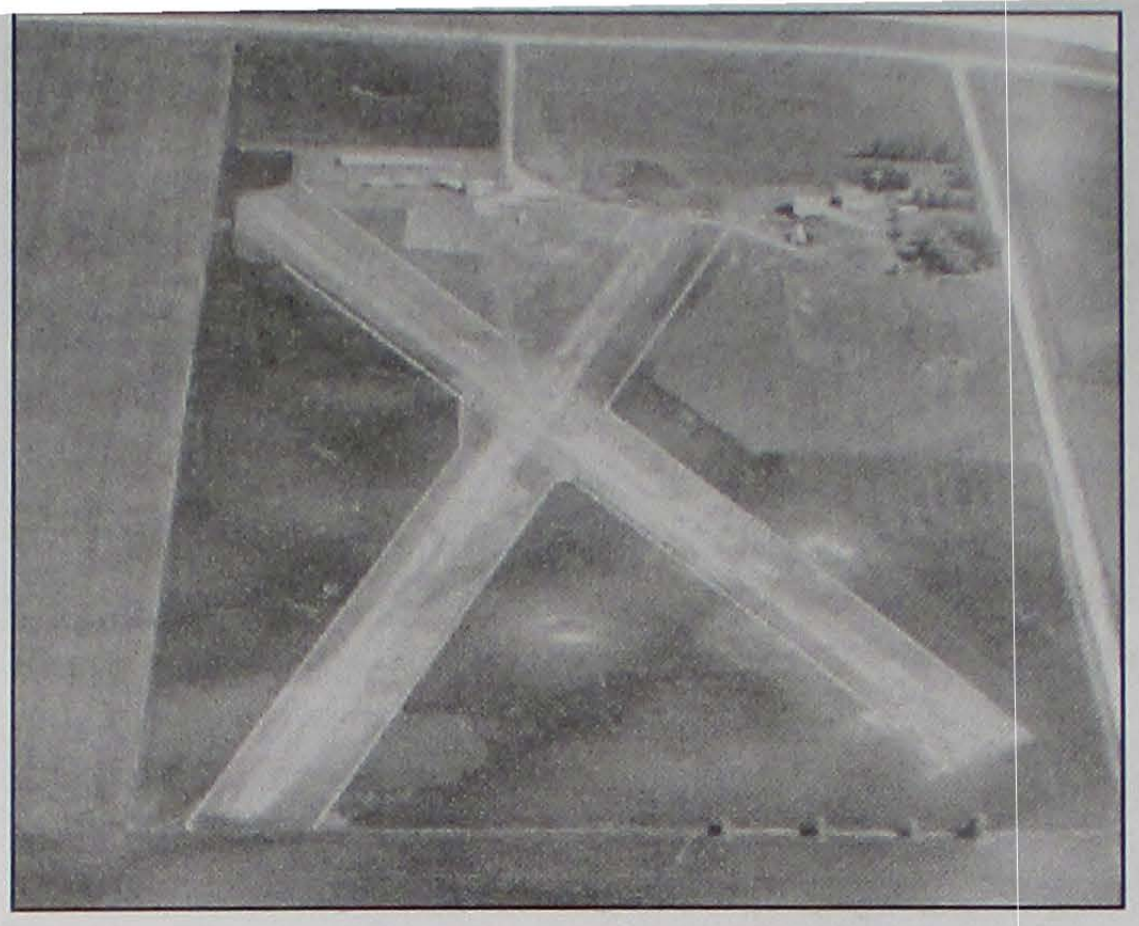
1941 Milford Merry Maids 4-H meeting at the Stratton home in the SW of Sec 13.

Above from left: Patty Allen '46, Jeanne Stratton '43, Betty Burley '44, Dorothy Harper '43, Alyce Burley '41 (Back to camera), Doris Bailey '44, Delores Borts '41, Mrs Stratton-leader.

Left: Jeanne Stratton '43 and Dorothy Harper '43 give a "Correct Posture" demonstration for County competition at the Nevada Field House in 1941.

B.G. Halverson, Supt, back right, and his staff from sometime during WWII. Unfortunately, the names and the year have been lost; but it's a good picture. The student in the dark sweater by the post looks to be Bonny Rierson '52A.

Vivian Kimble, right, takes a moment with some friends to pose in this circa 1925 picture on the southwest lawn of the new School. Also, from left, tentatively, Clyta Graham, Vera Eubanks, and Margaret Twedt; all Seniors in 1927. Note; Bus Barn barely visible left of house.



Nevada Airport 1950- Looking to the north, Old Hiway 30 running left right (west east) at the top of the pix and Airport Rd going top to bottom (north south) at the right- just a little over a mile from Milford Twp.

Indian Hill Creamery Company

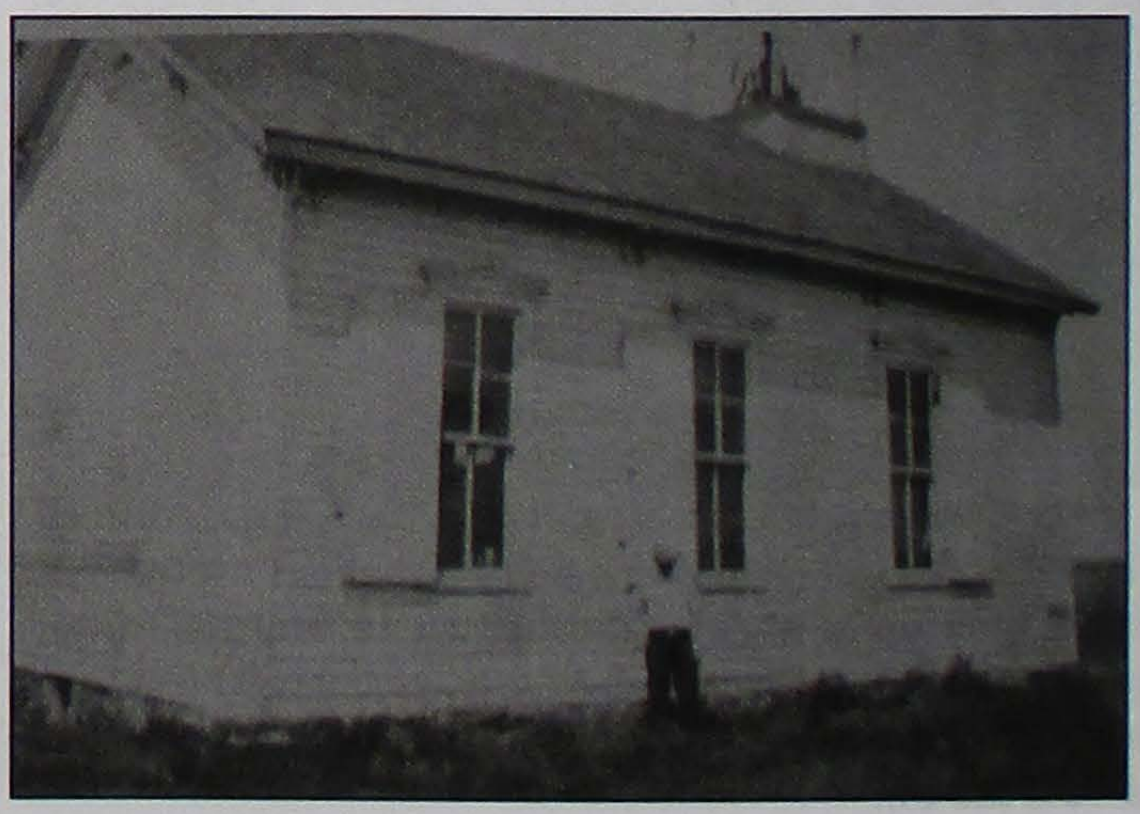
In Dec of 1896 the Indian Hill Creamery Company sent their separator to Elgin, Ill, for repairs. Several of the patrons brought their milk to the Milford Farmer's Creamery- one mile west of the Center School. Their (Indian Hill) buttermaker, Mr. Burton had resigned his position and gone to California. Mr Pettinger, a graduate from the Iowa Agriculture College dairy school has the position and is well recommended.

Oldest Living Graduates

Caroll Louks, the longest lived Milford male graduate we could locate in 2007, was in the largest class in 1932. He drove a team of horses on a bus while in School and lives in Nevada. His daughters, Dixie '59 and Linda '60, also attended Milford. Ethel Burley Davis '29 is the longest lived lady graduate of Milford. (D'08)

This appears to be the senior girls of 1930 as sophomores. Front Row: Ruby Christian, Burdella Rassmusson, Dorothea Kimble, Margaret Hereim, Marie Donaldson, Gladys Hansen, Genevieve Curtis. Back Row: Thelma Peterson, Dorothy Day'29 Nevada, Wilma Moore '27, Jean Frey, Anna Hovland, Margaret Twedt '27, Mrytle Rasmusson, and Supt Pratt. Identification by Ruby Christian Freeman '30. Her "id" includes 2 girls from 1927 and one from 1929. Possibly Elizabeth Skeers, (Mrs Hack Horness) took the photo in the spring of 1927. If, in fact, this is in 1927, then the Supt would be Michelson, not Pratt, or the man could be Ag teacher, Mr F Kilts.

Above Hack Horness and friends pose for an oat harvest memory in the thirties. Below: Hack Horness at the side of a school that may be Number two or four of Milford Twp but, most likely, is one of those in northern Franklin Twp. Pixs from the Hazel Horness '56 Jessen collection.



1955 PAIRINGS FOR STORY COUNTY BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 1956
January 23, 24, 25, 26, and 28, 1956

Milford	At Slater				
Slater	Mon. 7:00 p. m.	At Slater			
		January 25			
Huxley	At Slater	Wed. 7:00 p. m.			
Fernald	Mon. 8:15 p. m.		At Nevada		
			January 26	At Nevada	
Colo	At Colo		Thursday	Consolation	
Cambridge	Tues. 6:00 p. m.	At Slater	7:00 p. m.	Final	
		January 25		January 28	
Zearing	At Colo	Wed. 8:30 p. m.		Saturday	
Shipley	Tues. 7:15 p. m.			7:00 p. m.	
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Ames Reserves	At Colo				
Story City	Tues. 8:30 p. m.	At McCallsburg			
		January 25		At Nevada	
Roland	At McCallsburg	Wed. 7:00 p. m.		FINAL	
McCallsburg	Mon. 6:00 p. m.		At Nevada	January 28	
			January 26	Saturday	
Maxwell	At McCallsburg		Thursday	8:30 p. m.	
Gilbert	Mon. 7:15 p. m.	At McCallsburg	8:30 p. m.		
		January 25			
Nevada Reserves	At McCallsburg	Wed. 8:30 p. m.			
Collins	Mon. 8:30 p. m.				

The 1956 Story County Tournament schedule and (Below left) the roster with the fellows' names and numbers of both the Red and White uniforms. The "penciled on" results appear to read- Milford Slater 78-60, Milford Fernald 77-67, Milford Shipley 58-51 and Milford Roland 55-53. Regardless, Milford won, their second County Tournament (first 1926).

The results of winning the Story County Basketball Tournament in the Spring of 1956. County Supt Schindler hands Ron Otto the Championship Trophy while, from left, Alan Twedt, Larry Miller 23, Norman Honderd, Earl Otto, (Ron), Charles Larson (in back), Art Borton, Bill Jacobson, Vernon Olson, and Duane Brodie smile approval. Mrs E.P. Schindler later was at Milford as a teacher. The girls of the School had, optimistically, made the Milford Champions crowns before the end of the game.

MILFORD (Boys)

	Red	White	Pos
Ronnie Otto	30	00	F
Norman Honderd	32	55	F
Jack Allen	21	66	G
Larry Miller	20	23	G
Alan Twedt	25	11	G
Bob Jacobson	31	88	C
Art Borton	23	77	C
Pete Hanley	24	22	F
Duane Brodie	33	33	C
Bill Jacobson	35	13	C
Bill Thompson	34	44	G
Ronnie Strother	22	10	G

Coach - Ev Cochrane

Monday & Wednesday, January 23 & 25
At Slater

Officials: Bob Savage & Bob Vaughan

1956 Story County Champions

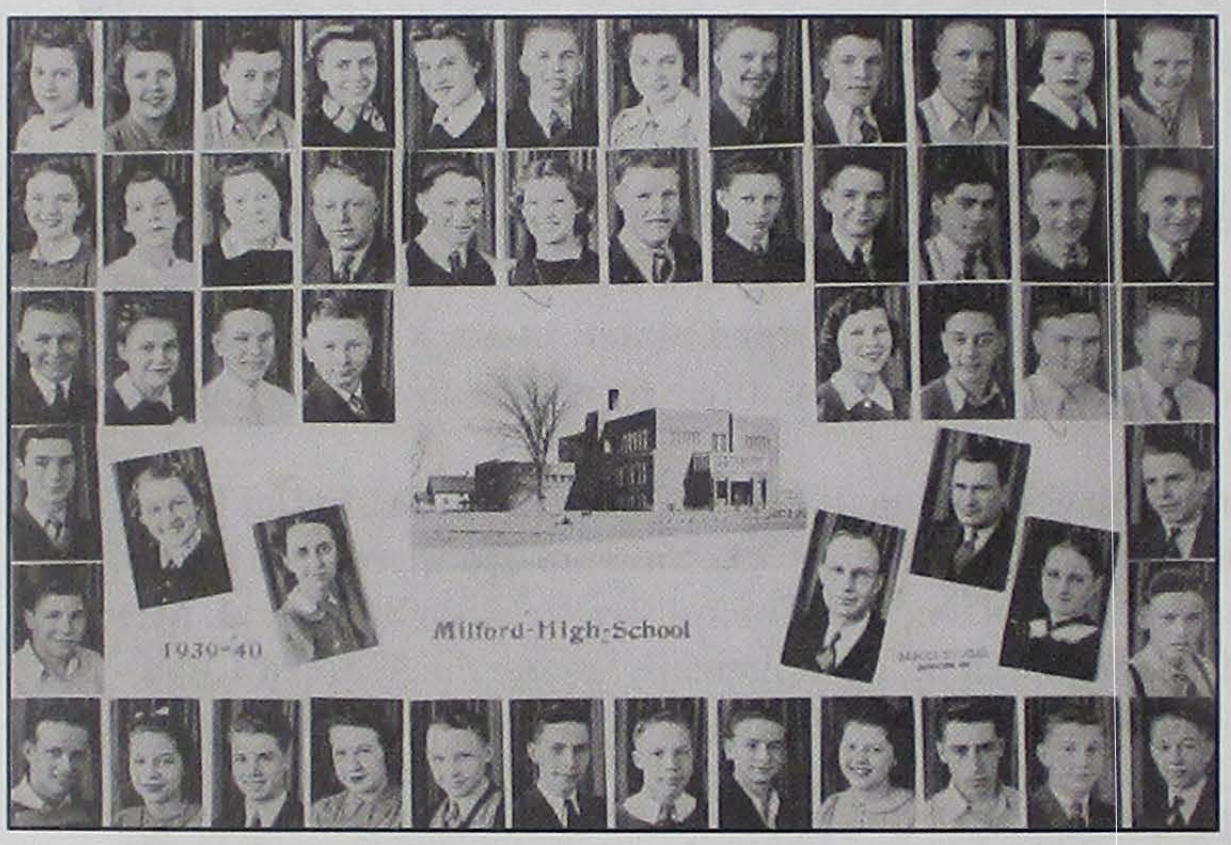
Three School Buildings
at Auction Sale
FRIDAY, March 28th

Three school buildings will be sold at public auction at Milford Center, Milford township, commencing at one o'clock.

By Order Board Directors
W. F. Stratton, Asst.

This ad, from the 24 March 1924 Nevada Paper, announces the 28 March sale of three schools at the section 15 site. This was during the week of the opening of the new consolidated School. A few weeks later the other two schools were sold in the same manner, however no results from the sale of these five schools could be found.

This is the classes of 1941 and 1942 as fourth and fifth graders in the fall of 1933. Front: Billy Christy, Guy (Jr) Wakefield, Jim Rasmusson, Darvin Dodd, Don Earwicker, George Bloomberg Raymond Ausheim, Glen Sampson; 2cd Row: Leo Tjelmeland, Harold Tjelmeland, Fritz Rosen, Earl Stevenson, Robert Matters, Harold Stone, Richard King, James Sesker, Julius Johnsen, Carroll Babbitt; 3rd Row: Ruby Nassen, Margaret Field, Dorothy Sorensen, Marvin Smith, Marvin Green, Stanley Egland, Herbert Marsh, Juella Johnson. Top: Doreen Thompson, Betty Sandwich, Ardyce Grimsley, Illene Greene, Annabella Peterson, Alice Burley, Myrtle Nassen, Betty Gilreath, Doris Jacobson, Joyce Starbuck. Teacher: Jeanette Sowers, Milford '28. Jeanette Sowers' family lived in the northeast corner of Section eight.



1940 High School, Top: Kathryn Combs, Ardyce Grimsley, Arnold Munson, Doris Bailey, Alyce Burley, Edward Larson, Myrtle Nassen, ?Kermit Sorensen?, Donald Wakefield, ?Kermit Sorensen?, Delores Borts, Glen Egland. Row 2: Doris Jacobson, Ruby Nassen, Sally Hansen, Curtis Jacobson, Richard Comfort, Juella Johnson, Julius Johnson, Paul Curtis, LaVern Brooks, Robert Cooper, Charles Sorensen, Arnold Nelson. Row 3: Harold Tjelmeland, Ione Sampson, Stanley Egland, Leo Tjelmeland, Kathline Matters, Harlan Harper, Dwight Fausch, George Peterson. Row 4: Jack Borts, Leonard Jones. Row 5: Guy Wakefield, Earl Johnson. Row 6: Forest "Pete" Jones, Kathryn Day, ? Combs, Raymond Tendall, Donald Halverson, Kermit Molde, Dorothy Harper, ? Combs, Glen Sampson, Dixon Harper. Faculty: MissThelma Lee, Miss Pauline Bathe, Supt BG Halverson, Coach Darrel A Lindberg, MissMaxine Murdock.

1948 High School, Top: Jack Morris, Charles Horness, Danny Needham, Richard Sorem, Jerry Jacobson, Chuck Hansen, Dean Crowe, Larry Roberts, LeRoy Gardner. Second Row: Dean Safly, Robert Latham, John Wakefield. Third Row: Bill Allen, Merrill Anderson, Glen Brown, Richard Warren. Diagonal: Principal KB Larson, Mrs Donna Westlie Hipp, Miss Johnette Edwards, Mrs Lola Swanson, Supt Swim. Top girls: Joan Sorensen, Marie Latham, Mary Rierson, Gloria Warren, Joan Cooper, Patsy Manley, Lois Larson. Bottom: Rhoda Honderd, Juanita Warren, Mavis Warren, Wanda Rierson, Jane Allen, Alyce Matters, Delores Tjelmeland, Phyllis Gardner, Doris Moser.

Left: This souvenir ribbon was won by Dorothy Day at a County event about two months after the opening of the new brick building at Milford. Dorothy Day left Milford in c. 1927 and graduated Nevada in c.1929.

The Only Twins to Graduate Milford

Above and Right: The Howland twins- left Bernice, "Bernie" and Bernita. They graduated in 1928. Bernice got a BA in 1938 at ISC. Bernita got a BS at ISC in 1932 and a MS at Columbia in '33.

Paraphrased from the Nevada Paper of spring 1961:

Milford's last Athletic Banquet was held at the School gym where the capital "M"s were awarded to the baseball, basketball, and cheerleader squads.

More than 250 parents and students crowded the gym floor for the banquet, the entertainment and the featured speaker Dave Sisam, Grand View College Coach.

Gwen Jacobson, of the class of 1960, delivered the address of welcome where she was quoted, "The size of the athlete is measured by the size of the things it takes to get him down," and stressed the importance of Milford's student body working hard toward continued achievement on the teams of the schools. Wayne Tjernagel took her to heart and when he played for Nevada, did very well and was selected for their HOF.

Perhaps the biggest laugh of the evening was for Dixie Thomas's effort at a well known phrase when talking of the girls' record of 2-17 and the boys record of 8-12, "It's not whether you win. . . .er . . . .it's not whether you lose. . . .it's. . . it's. . . . aw, SKIP IT!"

Coach Sisam told the audience among other things, "Competition is an integral part of our America and a lot of it can be learned form athletics."

Basketball letters were awarded to Dixie Thomas, Judy Thomsen, Maxine Horness, Margaret Haugland, Linda Hughes, Geri Pauley, Karen Thompson, Sande Sorem, Fred Eller, Arlen Twedt, Wayne Tjernagel, Dick Coy, Gary Brooks, Bruce Strother, and Mark Danielson. Cheerleader letters went to Carolyn Van Zee, Karen Petersen, Dixie Thomas, Karen Thompson and Geri Pauley.

In 1952, when Drake football player Johnny Bright didn't show up for the Athletic Banquet, Coach Gerald Petersen was asked by Supt Larry Baldus to be the main speaker. Other speakers over the years have been: 1955- Jim Zable, WHO; 1956-Bill Stranigan; Al Cupa, KRNT.

On the Fourth of July in 1924, there was a huge event at the Dayton Park which was now operated by the Lee Bros. It would have been next to impossible not to attend if the admission price of 35 cents was not too steep. Some of the attractions- There was a "Monstrous Balloon Ascension", one of the largest in the United States where a fellow will try to break altitude records for gas balloons before he leaps with a parachute. Three aeroplanes with stunt flying with rides offered at a very reasonable rate, two games of baseball with three teams playing for a purse that will make them play their best. Swim in the concrete pool. Picnic Grounds with 80 acres to accommodate everyone. "The Flying Whites", America's super acrobats with "The Two Belmonts", a novelty tight wire act. Dance day and night to the music of Hapac Grotto 55 piece band. Plus a display of Fireworks that will astonish and amaze you. And then there was the standard attractions of Dayton's Park, the boating, roller skating and a popular price cafe. "A real celebration, one of the biggest and best in the Middle West." No record of the attendance or the weather could be found but it is assumed that this event was a big success.

Edit: I wrote the following article a few years ago for a family history class. Grandpa (Charlie) Hughes (Rex's Dad) and Kenny Hughes (Rex's Brother) (the main characters in this story) were residents of Milford Twp for a number of years and in the thirties lived along the east border of our township. After some consideration, it was decided to include it in this history because embedded within it is a abbreviated account of the atmosphere and some of the conditions of the homefront at the time of the Second World War as seen through the eyes of a youngster.

Dale Hughes '55.

Christmas '44

The war was fun and games to me. I studied the maps and pictures which showed the big adventure to me every evening after school on the living room floor. The Des Moines newspaper was spread out all over the floor and I would study it while resting on my elbows and knees with my seat in the air. I felt as though no other "general" ever studied the war with more serious purpose and more intent interest.

It was late '44 and everyone, even a seven-year old second grader, could see things were going America's way in both theaters of the war. Still, there was much effort and sacrifice to be made on the home front. Mom knew she just didn't buy the most desired breakfast cereal- she bought the one that had the best and thickest box because from that she would be cutting a new pair of insert soles for our worn-out, holey shoes in an effort to keep the sandburs from our feet. Scrap-metal drives and paper drives collected mounds of stuff and occasionally really annoyed me because they took away things and pictures that I wasn't through with yet. Bags of milkweed pods hung outside from classroom windows at the School in a big contest to see which homeroom could collect the most of this valuable product which was used to make life vests or jackets for the Navy and Coast Guard. All the fellows in school, which was shut down two weeks each fall for fall harvest, were anxious to participate in the fall harvests because we had been told and we believed that "food would win the war".

Yet, despite all the good news and efforts, trips around the area showed increasing numbers of gold stars on the family service flags that hung in windows of many homes. We all knew in our minds that it wasn't only the Japs and Nazis that were doing all the bleeding and dying. But still, in my heart, I could not imagine my Uncle Kenny (Dad's younger brother and only brother) becoming a statistic on some casualty list even though he was an army combat infantry sergeant in the South Pacific. Becoming a casualty was something that only happened to others- those who were unfortunate enough to be selected by some sub-god of destiny. Besides, only old people died and they had to be sick for a long time and suffer and all their friends and relations had to come to see them and hear about their affliction. There had to be an evaporation and disappearance of hope; so, for any scenario such as this to happen to a young man, my healthy uncle, was impossible.

We played war games, even though it was next to impossible to get playmates to play the part of the enemy soldiers. Almost anything served as an imaginary firearm and when you were "shot and killed" you had to fall down (and dramatically roll to the bottom of the hay stack) and count to fifty and then you could get up and continue the battle that would win the war. We went to movies for a dime about the war and of course, western movies where week after week and time after time we'd see the same actor get "blown away" and there he'd be again in the next movie.

Christmas '44 approached and plans were made for our annual family Christmas supper and gift exchange. Gifts were always rather simple and not of any great economic value. Most items were scarce and, I think we, and others, felt we were helping the home front effort by not being extravagant with gifts—besides there were war bonds and stamps to buy with our money.

One of my most anticipated gifts came from Santa at the church Christmas social and program—one Hershey bar with one big red Delicious Apple and best of all, this didn't have to be shared with anyone because each youngster got his own delicious treasure. (Years later, I learned that Santa got help from a member of the church who just happened to be one of the town's grocers.)

It was exciting anticipating Christmas. In late November, new, big, beautiful B-29s were adding a new dimension to the war with their first raids from new bases on Saipan against the evil Japs. Conquering American Armies had the sinister Nazis backpedaling across Europe on their way back to their "Fatherland". Films showed the B-17s and B-24s bombing the bad people while the puffs of antiaircraft flak seemed always to be ineffectively out of range. B-25s and B-26s made low level raids that were thrilling to see and it didn't seem possible they could escape, but they always did. I liked to watch gun camera films from P-47s, P-38s, and P-51s as they swept down shooting up enemy trains which almost always exploded in a big ball of black smoke and the plane had to be careful and lucky

to escape being caught in this bunch of metal. Destroyed enemy planes were sometimes displayed at fairs for all to see and create more war bond sales. Battleships plowed through the heavy seas and water came far up on the superstructures but that couldn't hinder our Navy. The Navy anthem, Marine anthem, and the Army Air Force song always got the hair on the back of one's neck to tingle.

Christmas Eve came, finally, and our home was filled with aunts, uncles, and cousins- and of course, there was Grandpa Hughes. I don't recall what we had for supper, but after supper was gift exchange- perhaps a new toy, probably made from pressed cardboard and maybe a pair of gloves, and, as always, a new pair of plaid socks from Grandpa.

Following the gift exchange, my Father, as host, asked his Dad, my Grandfather, to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the good crops and other things of 1944. All of us were silent and Grandpa began; thanks for safety, thanks for good crops, thanks for the new baby grandson, thanks for holding the cars together, thanks for good health, on and on he went. Nothing new, heard it all before. Hurry up Grandpa, I want to put that toy airplane together and drop marble bombs on my brother. Then-then, he added a simple request to Heavenly Father, "and please, Heavenly Father, watch over our Kenny". Wow! Here was my Grandpa, admitting that he thought our Kenny, my strong uncle, my admired uncle who could blow the most beautifully round swirling smoke rings time after time, who could utter the lowest guttural croaks ever heard, who could throw a big "throwing rock" clear over the barn, who could shoot a fast pheasant with only one shot, needed to be watched over. How could that be?

And with that simple request from that humble old gentleman, my entire "lighthearted" interpretation of the possibility of our Kenny being hurt, or worse, came to an end. Because I knew, if Grandpa was concerned enough to make this request to Heavenly Father, then I'd better also be concerned.

Epilogue

Uncle Kenny did survive the West Pacific Battles and Okinawa and returned unscathed just in time for Christmas '45. Years later, when Kenny lay bedfast, fading from life at the seemingly young age of 65, he told me in a one to one visit in his home of some of his adventures in combat. I listened to interesting story after interesting story and finally said, "You're making me glad I missed out on all that". He glanced at me, looked back at the ceiling with a rather faraway look in his eye, was quiet for a few seconds, and then with a degree of sincerity that can only come from love and really knowing what he was talking about, quietly, in his low voice, said, "Yes, I'm glad that you did". .....He lived only a few more days.

Above: Grandpa Hughes (Charles), left, with Kenny on the right in 1940. That's Grandpa Hughes' brother Guy in the middle.

Left: Grandpa Charles Hughes as a young man in about 1898.

A glimpse at a disappearing art of plowing with horses. This 2006 scene recalls a time that would have been commonplace in Milford Twp before the 1920's. A time when, if you happened to time it right and met the farmer who was working the field "just across the fence" you could stop and let the horses rest a bit, put your foot up on the fence wire and you could visit with a neighbor. All that has disappeared now with the air-conditioned cabs, and fewer fellows in the field. It's too much discomfort to climb out of the comfortable cab into the heat, besides, if a guy wants to visit, there's the cell phone, perhaps tonight when the rates go down.

The Kate Shelly Bridge was dropped into the Des Moines River on 17 Oct 1933. This was the site near Moingona, in adjacent Boone County, where, in 1881, Kate Shelley crawled over the bridge and warned an oncoming train that the track was out ahead.

From the 1955 Junior Senior Play

Above: A glimpse into the Jr-Sr Class play of 1955 with, from left, Alice Hansen as Ma, Dale Hughes as Pa, Jack Allen as the prankster, and Shirley Meyer as the beautiful barefoot daughter (An obvious selection). No hole was shot in the wall for this year's production. That was done in the production for the class of 1954.

On 15 April 1932, Janitor Gaylon Mann and the High School boys set out 100 Schrubs, North Amoor River Privet, at a total cost of $4.50. Where these were is not known but it could have been on the west side of the sidewalk, around the kiosk, west of the gym, and northeast of the Janitor's entrance to the School. See page 10.

Below: As the men might get together and socialize at a farm auction, threshing time or shelling time, so did the ladies get together at such things as a "quilting" party when there was a need for someone to have a special gift. Verna Borton enjoyed this activity and here she goes at the task "solo". She was married to Roy Borton and they were the parents of three Milford students - Florine '52, Jurine '56, and Art '57.

1955 Jr-Sr Play- The "Formal" cast photo with the seemingly too obvious makeup very much visible. Back Row: David Allen, Shirley Molde, Jack Allen, Loyd Hughes, Dale Hughes (tall fellow), Duane Brodie, Ed Needham, Wilbert Hadley, Hazel Horness (short gal), Larry Miller, Ron Otto, Jurine Borton (white dress), Irene Hodgson, Shirley Meyer, Vernon Olson. Front: Donna Sorem, Alice Hansen, Georgia Roberts.

PTA Men's Night

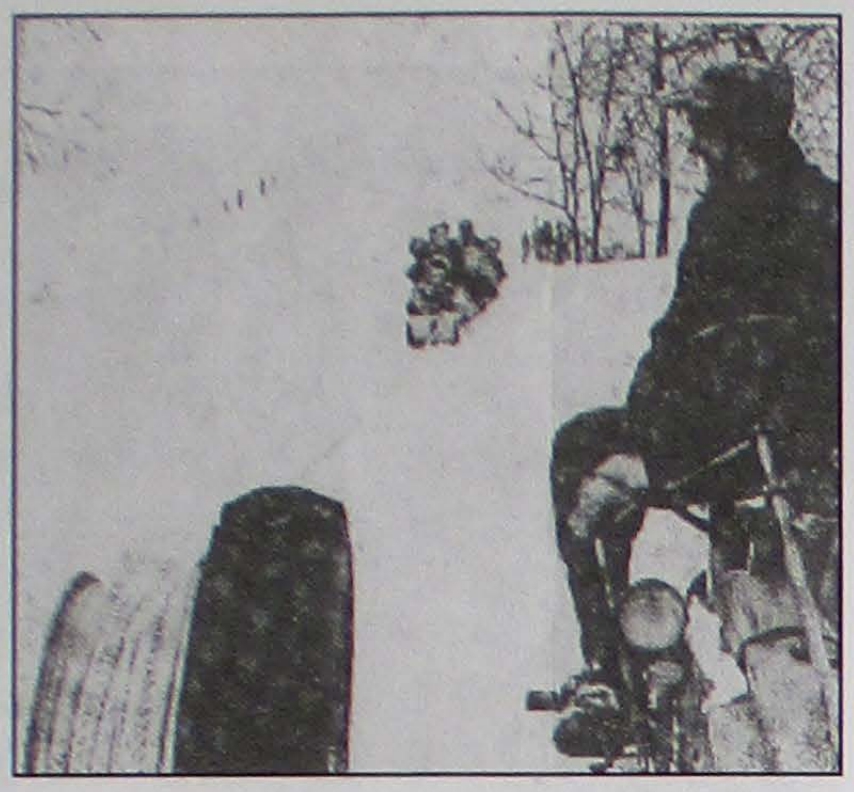
Opposite page left column- 3 lower pictures:

The 2 Feb 1956 PTA meeting was Men's Night and they could really put on a show if they so elected. Top: that's Roy Borton on the right and Amil Twedt in the buggy and the guy with the black face is Marvin Smith II. Next to top: On the right is Phil Allen who did some fantastic soft shoe steps and the big guy in the center is Henry Larson with Floyd Twedt and Leon Wilson as the next two seated people. In the bottom shot: Rex Hughes is the pastor, Morris Danielson is the groom and the bride is nobody else but big John Fitzgerald. The guy on the right by the Pastor is Keith McVey. None of the three fellows between the Pastor and the bride is recognized except Clarion Thompson in the middle. Phil Allen (seated) and La Verne Jacobson are behind the groom.

State Representative

In 1865 a man from Galena Illinois moved to Sec 16 of Milford Twp with his family. This was Frank Curtiss who was the father of Charles Curtiss, Dean of Agriculture at Iowa State. Frank was, for a time, the subdirector of School No 5. In 1877 he was elected as a state representative where he served one term. He left Milford in 1892 and moved to Ames and then a year later to Nevada.

John Fitzgerald operates his famous "Pull them up the Hill" John Deere Tractor for sledding parties at his farm. By blocking the tractor and lifting the right wheel, that wheel would turn and wind up the rope.



John Fitzgerald's Sledding Parties

The following lines from Geraldine Fitzgerald Dobbe, '59:

"One of my favorite memories of Milford Twp. was when we would have toboganning parties on a winter Sunday in our timber. Everyone was invited!! My dad, John Fitzgerald, used his John Deere to hook up a tow rope to pull us up the hill. Hot chocolate was served afterwards in our garage.

"I can still remember the high school students spending a day in the spring to go to the Boone Ledges State Park and also to I.S.U. Veisha. Our trips to Des Moines for the state basketball tournaments were also something we looked forward to. I think we stayed at the Fort Des Moines Hotel. Many great memories were made on these trips."
Edit: That wonderful sledding hill is now "under" the Interstate in the very north of Sec 5.

1957 Sock Hop

Above: In 1956-'57 school year Alan Twedt ('57) shows how to do an Elvis impression and the rest of the students seem to be very much enjoying his performance. Top: right to left- Betty Otto, Rita Thomas (partially hidden), Judy Jorgensen, Norene Hughes, Alan, Doug Brooks, Shirley Groomes, un?.
Bottom: left to right: Alan Twedt, Nadine Safly, Sharyl Buchanan, Sandra Mortvedt, Eddie Allen, and Ronnie Strothers. Celebration at the Hughes home after the tournament victory.

Bonny Rierson '52. A wedding picture in 1953 at the Ames Lutheran Church included three of her Milford teachers even though she graduated from Ames; left to right, Mrs Margaret Gilreath -Milford '30, Mrs Jessie Petersen, and Mrs Kathryn Larson Principal.

Milford Defeats Jordon

From the Nevada Paper in the Fall of 1931: The Milford baseball boys played the Jordan boys Wed evening, Milford won with the score of 10-0. Max Arrasmith (right) '32, one of Milford's players, had the misfortune to get hit with the bat and knocked unconscious. He was rushed to Ames to a doctor by Supt Morgan. Max is a junior and expects to return to school in a few days.

Corn husking vacation at Milford will start October 24 and end November 3rd.

The first six weeks exams were given Thursday and Friday.

The Junior girls called on Max Arrasmith Thursday noon.

The Hadley Farm

There was a nice aerial view of the Hadley farmstead above but it wouldn't reproduce for some reason, anyhow, the caption's still here. A clear winter's afternoon at the Milo Hadley farmstead located a mile south of the School and around the corner to the west a hundred yards or so. Milo was a School board member for a few years, 1955-'58. Milo's son Wilbert, '56, lives on the place now. He, along with Leo Tjelmeland '42, Bob Jacobson '57, and Loren Book '64N are currently four of the people who have lived in Milford Township the longest. All are life-long residents and graduates of Milford. Wilbert is a master mechanic and has just retired from Rierson's Imp in Nevada.

Milo's farming adventures- page 304.

This is the home that stood on the east side of Sec 8 in the northeast corner of the southeast quarter. This would be a mile west and one and a half north of Milford School. The view is to the north-northwest and the person on the pony is Jeanette Sowers who graduated Milford in 1928. That would make the photo from the early twenties. I don't know if this is where Jeanette lived or whether she lived at the first place north and this was where a cousin lived. Jeanette and her sister, Dorothy '31 lived a quarter mile north on the west side of the road at the time Dorothy graduated from High School.

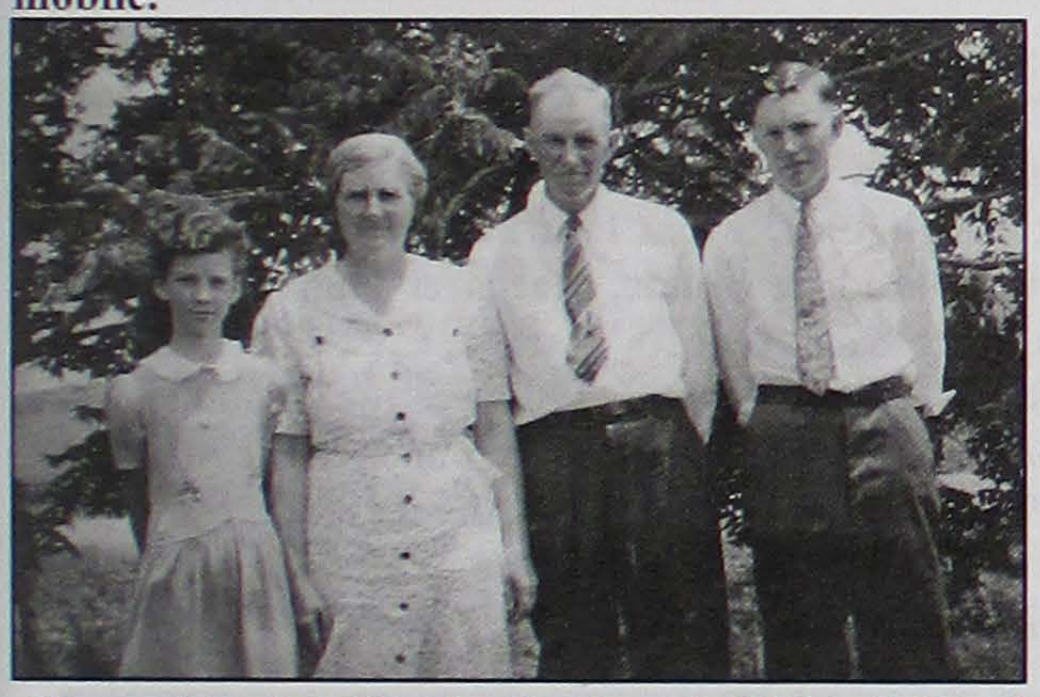
The George Roberts family, the Jeffery Jacobson '33 family, and the Loyd Hughes '56 family all lived in this home at one time or another. It was torn down in about 1978 and another home built in the same spot. An unusual feature of this home was that it had a gas floor furnace that would operate with no electricity; but yet it had a thermostat. This is a very useful feature for a farm home to have in that should the electricity goes off in the winter, which it is prone to do, the furnace still is operative. One time in the seventies, the electricity was off for about ten days. Loyd's neighbor, John Fitzgerald, was without heat in their home and they came down and lived with Loyd for most of that time. Loyd had a l0" TV that would operate from a 12 volt battery and that's the TV they watched. It ran the entire time from a 12 volt truck battery that was so low it wouldn't start a truck.

Loyd Hughes farmed this land after Jeffrey Jacobson left. Jeffrey had a herd of cattle that grazed in the back 40 acres that had a very wet area in it. There was a lane for the cattle behind the buildings and the cattle stood there a lot of the time. When Loyd started farming this land, probably in the early '70s, he took out the fence and farmed the lane and I know this lane, with its natural fertilizer, produced some of the first 200 bpa corn I'd ever seen. It wasn't but a couple acres but it sure was fun to experience the combine have to really work to harvest that fantastic corn.

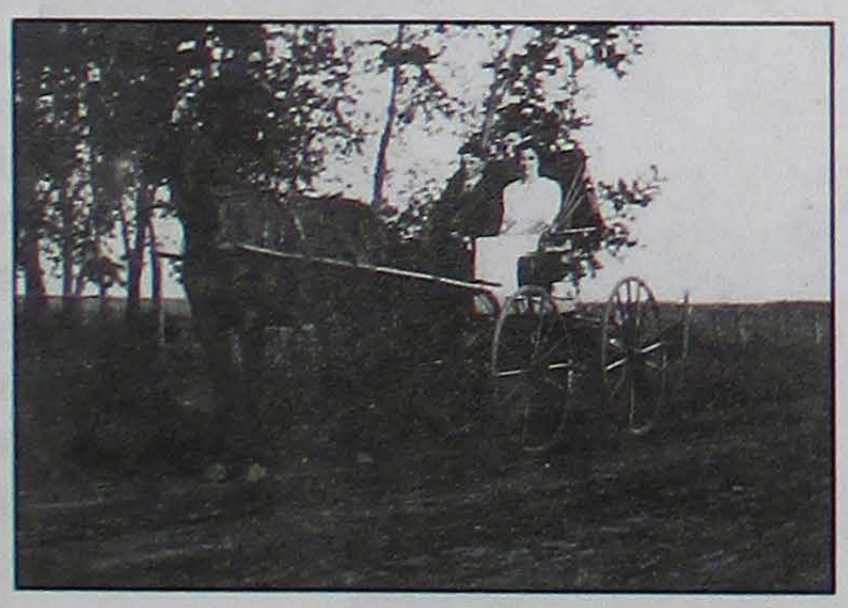
This bus of the late twenties, early thirties, is not a Milford Twp School bus but it's probably very much like those in service at Milford. It would appear that it's a modified truck chassis with the adaptation much more obvious than those of the present time. Note the lack of bumpers, both front and back. Looks like a good "mudder" though. Drivers begin on page 175.

COMFOTTS

Above: Harriet '47 and Richard '42 Comfort take a picture-time break on the running board of the family automobile.



Above: Harriet, Hattie, Paul, and Richard Comfort in about 1943. They lived a mile and a quarter north of the School on the west side of the road. Also page 217.



Left: This dim picture captures a moment in the dim past as Paul and his best gal, Hattie, go for a buggy ride on a beautiful day in their "courtin'" days around the time of the First World War.

Fair Time

Glen Sampson '43 with his 4-H project at the Story County Fair in either 1941 or '42. The fair grounds was located at 8th and "Q" Nevada prior to ca. 1940.

Above: Cory Sampson, center, grandson of Glen Sampson '43, at the 2006 State Fair, sold his reserve Grand Champion Market Hog for an Iowa State Fair record price of $38,000. He is flanked by his parents. His Dad, Doug '73N, was a member of the last Milford Kindergarten Class in 1961. Sister Amy, left, had the 2007 Story County Grand Champion Beef Calf.

Above: The girls 4-H club, in their well pressed uniforms, from about 1955, taken at the north end of the lunch room with the serving area and railing very noticeable. Also, even at this time, there is a "Lets All Buy Bonds" banner above the group and the edge of the 4-H emblem is visible to the right. Front: Jurine Borton, Judy Jorgensen, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Julie Cox, Sharyl Buchanan, Bernita Jacobson, Sandra Nelson, Nadine Safly, Janet Sorensen. Back: Sandra Sorem, Marlene Morfey, Sandra Mortvedt, Janet Rasmusson, Ruth Warren, Marcia Jacobson, Norene Hughes.

The 1943 glee club photo with the fellows wearing their "M" club sweaters makes an interesting comparison with the one below. Front: Leo Tjelmeland, Earl Johnson, Carroll Arneson, Richard Comfort, Glen Sampson, Russell Morfey. Back Row: Clayton Clifford, Bill Christy, Harold Tjelmeland, Don Halverson, Gerald Borwick, Gordon Bivens, Miss Eunice Berglund.

In 1862, Milford Twp had 28 dwellings, the lowest number of any township in Story County.--Work that into the conversation someday with a non Milford person.

The "M" Club, the Athletes, of Milford Twp in the fall of 1953, the first year Coach Cochrane was at Milford. The girls look sharp with their big "M"s on the hip pocket and the cheverons. Note the three chevrons on Alice Hansen, a Junior who lettered as an eighth grader, and Ruth Warren's left sleeve. Front Row: Jurine Borton, Alice Hansen, Shirley Molde, Arlene Steward, Ruth Warren, Margaret Thompson, Doradene Brodie, Coach Ev Cochrane. Back Row: Larry Miller, Dale Carsrud, Marlin Jorgensen, Fritz Morris, Ray Thomas, Clarion Thompson, Fred Neasham, David Allen, Ron Otto. Missing from photo: Hazel Horness, Dale and Loyd Hughes. Cochran coached both girls and boys teams at Milford and it was the only girls teams he ever coached.

In the 1954 Tournaments

Three senior Milford girls receive the third place Story County trophy (above) from E.P. Schlindler, Story County Supt, husband of Mrs Dorthea Schlindler who taught at Milford from 1955 through 1959. That's (from left) Doradene Brodie, Ruth Warren and Margaret Thompson in the first row with Jurine Borton, Elizabeth Haugland, Sandra Mortvedt, Donna Sorem, Hazel Horness, Alice Hansen, and Shirley Meyer and in the back row Arlene Steward and Georgia Roberts. Coach Cochrane beams in the top center in his stylish dark sports jacket. See page 280.

Below: 1954 Sectional Tournament. The girls receive the second place sectional trophy from Roland's Supt C.P. Thompson who was to become the Supt at Milford from 1957 through 1961. From left: Shirley Molde, Georgia Roberts, Doradene Brodie, Margaret Thompson, Donna Sorem, Alice Hansen, Ruth Warren, C.P., Hazel Horness, and Jurine Borton. Partially visible in the second row are Elizabeth Haugland, Shirley Meyer, and Arlene Steward. This 1953-'54 team was, perhaps, the most successful girls team to wear the Milford Red and White. It was Coach Cochrane's first year at Milford.

Ol' Milford Farmer think: The older one gets, the better we were!

Milford Township High School

Class of 1932

CLASS MOTTO

Success Awaits At Labor's Gate

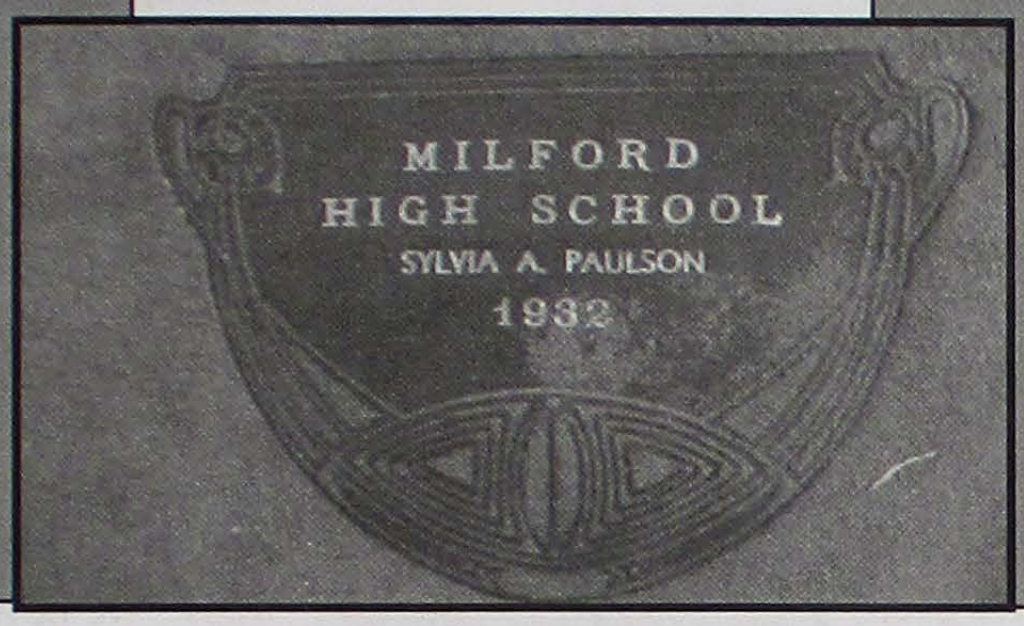
CLASS FLOWER

Lily of the Valley

CLASS COLORS

Cerise and Silver

Left and Right: The Graduation Program from the class of 1932- The largest class to graduate from Milford. When their class started first grade there were about 35 students. They were the first class of first graders at the consolidation location of the one room schools. Below: Diploma Cover



CLASS ROLL

Max Arrasmith
Joe A. Alfred
Rosalma Brodie
Lester J. Brooks
Lowell Burley
Franklin T. Cruse
Doris M. Frey
Adeline A. Gilreath
Mabel L. Hansen
Caroll Looks
Sylvia A. Paulson
Agnes H. Peterson
Jeffery H. Rasmussen
Vera A. Stevenson
Mildred E. Streeter
Sylvia B. Thompson
Floyd J. Tvedt

Below: This lovely scene, actually from 2006, still makes a fellow who has spent many hot, broiling afternoons setting up shocks such as these--well, it makes the face feel hot and the arms a little sweaty and a feeling of -When in the world am I ever going to get this done and why, O, why don't those clouds come drifting over here? Look at that, the sky is almost all overcast and here I am, not a lick of shade in the whole field, Golly Ned, do you suppose all that sweat falling off me is doing the soil any good?- probably not; too salty! My arms sure itch! Gosh, I wish I was down to the ol' fishing hole with a line in the cool, clear water with nothing more to do than to swat a few bugs. Boy, that Tom Sawyer was one lucky dude. Do you reckon that there'll be a snake under that bunch of bundles over there and when I pick them up, what type of varmints are going to be under there looking for some shade. Man! it's going to be a long time before I complain about riding the ol' tractor around, back and forth, that motor roaring, my knees sore, but arms achin' from steering that ol' thing. Think I'll become a store clerk when I get the chance, no, think I'll be a pilot, up there were it's cool and I'll look down on all these rows of shocks and won't feel one bit of soreness from bending over so much. I don't think Heavenly Father designed the human back to bend over this many times in one day--at least not mine. Boy, that ol' bed is sure gonna feel good tonight.

This is the actual site south of Ellsworth, Kansas, where Milford's Lt Sorensen's B-24 airplane crashed in the summer of 1943 and killed him and the nine other men on board. The camera is shooting directly south and his plane had come in from the northeast- just about from the angle her shadow is pointing- and "pancaked" in. That lady, a friend of mine, is a "professional" metal detector and she found only a very few, very small metal pieces. Where she is standing is right where the belly of the plane would have been. Off camera to the right there, at the time, was a set of buildings and the plane would have hit them but it crashed about 250 yards short of that. This field was farmed at the time and was until 20-25 years ago. The Army Air Force and souvenir hunters have done a thorough job of cleaning up the area. I visited this site in the spring of 2006. See page 191 & 192.

Prehistoric Milford Township

by Jimmie D. Thompson Class of 1957

I have recorded over 230 Indian sites in Story, Marshall, Boone, Polk, Hamilton, and Green Counties with the State Archaeologists Office in Iowa City. Of these, 65 are in Story County. Of these 65 Story County sites, 16 were found in Milford Township. An additional 12 sites were recorded by Gradwohl and Osborn of the Anthropology Department at Iowa State University. These additional sites were reported in their paper "Stalking the Skunk"-"A preliminary survey and appraisal of archaeological resources in the Ames Reservoir" of 1972. Their archaeological survey was under the auspices of a National Park Service contract and "Contribution to the Ames Reservoir Environmental Resources Review Study" sponsored by the United States Army Corps of Engineers Contract. This proposed Skunk River reservoir was cancelled, in part, due to strenuous local objections. If developed, part of this new lake would have been in the far northwest corner of Milford Township.

As with most Indian sites, water and woodlands were the main necessity. The majority of Indian villages were along or near the Skunk River in sections 5, 6, 7, 17, and 18 of the northwest quarter of Milford Township.

An Indian burial mound I reported is in section 13 of adjacent Franklin Township about 3/4 of a mile west of Milford Township. Members of the Anthropology Department at Iowa State recovered a Woodland Period, 500 B.C. to 1100 A.D., pottery shard in a core probe of the mound. The mound is small, approximately 10 feet in diameter and less than 2 feet high.

Three of Milford Township's sites have been the most prolific for collecting artifacts than any of the sites I have collected. These sites are; the bank of Skunk River near Soper's Mill, the Skunk River floodplain field of the former Honderd residence, and the high hilltop of the former Fitzgerald residence. At one time that hill was used for sledding by Milford students. The interstate now cuts through the west side of the hill.

Artifacts found in Milford Township would range in age from approximately 400 to 500 years old (1600-1500 A.D.) to at least 6000 years old (4000 B.C.) or more.

Ol Milford Farmer hear from Indian friend: Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance so I watch TV weatherman.

Jimmie is Nominated for an Honor

Editor-- in Aug 2008: Jimmy Thompson is a finalist for the Lawrence and Eula Hagie Heritage Award for Excellence in Conservation for his personal volunteer service and commitment to improving the quality of Iowa's natural environment provided through the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.

Trapping In Milford Township

by Jimmie D. Thompson. Class of '57.

Peter Hadley and I (classmates -class of '57) on occasion went to school smelling of cologne of nature "Sweet Essence of Skunk". When trapping, you didn't always catch what you wanted to catch! With traps set on dry land along a fenceline trail, skunks were quite common, even an occasional spotted skunk, which are nearly extinct now.

How do you skin a skunk? Very Carefully! You skin very careful around the "you-know-what" I can't recall Pete ever skinning a skunk, but I did on occasion.

Pete and I trapped in ditches and culverts near the Hadley farmstead- 1 mile south of Milford School House, in a pond 1 mile west of the Hadley farm, and in and around a dredged ditch on Brook's place, a half mile east of the Hadley farm.

We would meet up before school and ride our bikes and do a little walking to check the traps. We never did catch much but there was muskrats in the pond and dredged ditch that we tried to catch. I believe the pond, now the Story County Conservation Department's Cooper's Marsh, was just west of another Brooks family. I believe Jim Cooper lived in the house in the southeast corner of the intersection just to the west. Leon Wilson and family lived the first place north of that intersection on the west side of the road.

At the time my dad was the Milford School Custodian and there was coon hides on stretchers up against the fence just east of the custodian house that we live in at the time. I often wondered what people driving by thought about animal hides against the fence in the open on school grounds.

Later when we lived on the Ward Wierson place, 2 miles west and a half mile north of Milford School, and next 2 1/2 miles west in the small house on the Safly place, I rode my bike and hiked miles trapping and fishing on my own along the Skunk River.

Rare Plants of Milford Township

by Jimmie D. Thompson, Class of '57.

I assisted 4 botanist and plant experts from Iowa State University in a 1990-2000 plant inventory within 2 miles of the Ames city Limits where we found and collected specimens from 916 species of plants. All collected specimens were pressed and dried and deposited in the Ada Hayden Herbarium at I.S.U., where 640,000 specimens from all over the world are maintained in file cabinets.

After that inventory was completed, I spent the next 4 years (2001-2005), on my own, doing a thorough plant inventory of the entire Hamilton County, where I collected specimens of 973 different species. Thirty nine of these plants had not been previously reported in Iowa, and 24 plant are on the DNR's endangered, threatened, or of special concern list. My manuscript of this inventory will be appearing in the Iowa Academy of Science Journal within the next few months.

The last 2 years, 2005 and 2006, I have been working on a plant inventory of the Ledges State Park and also, the entire Boone County. I have encountered approximately 700 species in the ledges and near 1000 for all of Boone County including the Ledges. In Milford Township I have collected specimens for the I.S.U. Herbarium of the DNR threatened species. Spiranthes ovalis (Oval ladies'-tresses orchid), the rare but not listed by the DNR, Liparis loeselii (Bog twayblade orchid), the rare but not listed by the DNR, Asplenium platyneuron (Ebonyspleenwort fern), and DNR special concern species- Tomanthera auriculata (Eared false foxglove). Spiranthes ovalis, Liparis loeselii, and Asplenium platyneuron are growing in what once was cultivated fields 30 + years ago and is now thin canopy newer growth woods in section 6 just northwest of the southbound Interstate 35 rest stop. Tornanthera auriculata can be found in the Story County Conservation's Cooper's Marsh 1 mile south and 3/4 mile west of the Milford School.

Since retiring from the Ames Post Office 11 years ago, I haven't been sitting around watching the Poa pratensis grow. For those that don't know, that is Kentucky bluegrass.

Below: Jimmie Thompson '57, son of Raymond Thompson who was the janitor at Milford in 1952-'53. Picture to the north from Janitor's house with the baseball backstop and the Christy farm in view. He shot the jackrabbit in the field to the north and east of the School. It seems as though, right after the War, there were very few jackrabbits around. In the late forties, and for ten or fifteen years, there were quite a few. Then, after that, it was quite unusual to see one.

Milford Creamery Report

In Jan of 1897, the Milford Farmer's Creamery took in over 100,000 pounds of milk. They paid 18 1/2 cents per pound for butter for the month. This money will greatly help the patrons during these close times. Will Young, the popular butter maker, churned 495 pounds of butter at one churning. This creamery was one mile west of the Milford Center School site on the southeast corner of that intersection. They had an ice house that was filled with ice from a "nearby" slew and it was an event when they got the ice stored for the upcoming summer's heat.

Driving a School Bus at Milford Twp

by Dale Hughes '55.

When the young people of today hear that, at Milford Twp, high school students were among those who drove school busses, well, it is a real eye-opening surprise to them. I drove a school bus my senior year as a sixteen and seventeen year old for the school year of 1954-'55. It was a early fifties Ford model. It was a 36 passenger bus with six rows of seats and a center aisle. I don't recall which engine it had but it was very adequate. The strongest memory I have of this machine was the difficulty shifting gears. It was a three speed and shifting up the gears wasn't too bad provided one "double clutched" it and was patient. Shifting down was another matter. The engine speed and the ground speed had to be matched quite closely or it sounded as though one was not using the clutch at all.

Each morning I would begin my route at about 7:40 and travel 11 3/4 miles and pick up a bus load of youngsters and be at School at 8:18 or no later than 8:20. The State speed limit for a school bus transporting students to or from school was 35 miles per hour. A good portion of the year I had 39 students assigned to the 36 passenger bus so it was very common to arrive at school with a student sitting on the steps going up into the bus. If one were to drive that same route in 2007, I believe the school age youngsters from those 11 3/4 miles would fit comfortably in a Volkswagon. It almost shocks me now to recall, but for this task and responsibility I was paid $50.00 a month. That amounts to a little over a $1.50 an hour or about $1.15 a trip. However, for that $1.15, I could buy over 3 gallons of gasoline or five McDonald burger type burgers. I saved up my first two pay checks and bought a guitar.

Classmate Dave Allen '55 was the other High School student that year who drove a bus. We both had 36 passenger busses and the adult drivers had the larger 42 or 48 passenger busses. Arnie Munson and Rex Needham were the other two drivers. Arnie was the Chief Driver and he kept the busses fueled and greased and would have them parked east of the sidewalk that extended south from the main door of the School when it was time to head home. Arnie also was the man who drove to almost all the ball games and other

special events such as field trips to Des Moines or music contests.

I lived a mile east and 3/4 north of the School and for my route, I went north a quarter mile, east a mile, south a quarter mile and picked up Hogdsons, and then north a mile and a quarter, east a quarter mile to get Danielsons, turn around and go west a quarter mile, go north a mile to Waughs and then east a mile, stop, and then south a mile, (picking up the Sorems), a quarter mile to the west to get the VanZees and the Rasmussons, then back to the corner east and south two miles, make a right and head west for the three miles to the School. Although I had three sisters and a brother attending Milford at the time, none rode with me but caught Arnie's bus who came south past the farm. Sharyl Buchanan, who lived with the Coles just around the corner to the north and east of us, rode with me part of the year and then because my bus was so full, Arnie stopped and picked her up also.

The Don Book Family

Back Row: Jerry '59 and Pauline. Front: Loren'64N, Don holding David '70N and Dennis '61. Picture from fall of 1952 in front of the Book home looking to the south. The Don Book family lived in the NE of the SE of Sec 15 on a farm purchased in Feb of 1944. They moved here in '44 or '45, a couple years after the Magnus Olson family moved to the Roland area. This is the farm where Margaret Hereim grew up, Mrs Gilreath.

Don was a graduate of Iowa State College and had attended this College in the mid thirties. It must have been very unique for the times but his folks bought him a brand new 1936 Lafayette automobile to get him to go to college instead of help on the family farm near Storm Lake. Pauline was a Kingsbury from the Napier area so there was a tie to central Iowa. Don saw the future in hay management and bought one of the first portable balers that came into the area right after the War. If a farmer in our area wanted his hay baled, he simply did not go cut it and then call the "baler man". He called Don and asked him when he should cut his hay so Don could get there to bale it before it stayed on the ground too long. The Egland Boys, Stan and Glen, worked for Don. Don had a jeep, it looked like a surplus jeep, but apparently it wasn't and with this vehicle they pulled the baler which had its own V-4 motor. Stan and Glen could stand in the back of the Jeep and, with a broom, push the hay into the baler when conditions were tough and drive the jeep with their foot. It was very impressive to a young fellow.

Don bought the Minneapolis-Moline, New Holland dealership and had a store in the northwest corner of Nevada from about 1949 to 1959 where he could be contacted at Telephone 300. He sponsored a softball team on which a number of local youths played. In 1962-'63, the Books sponsored an American Field Service student from Laos in their home.

Loren, President of the M-M Collectors Club, and his wife, Ruthie, daughter of long time Milford rural mail carrier, Bill Horine, now farm the ground in Sec 15. Loren, following a stint in the Peace Corp, is one of the few long time residents of Milford Twp. Jerry farms in Lucus County and also teaches high school. Dennis farms in central Wisconsin and David is a district man for self propelled lawn mowers.

Busting Snowbanks

by Dale Hughes '55.

Seeing that article about the Book family in the next column, and reading about Don's jeep, reminds me of one winter in the early sixties when there was lots of snow and the most of the roads had not been plowed. The snow had been drifted by a strong wind and, in places, was so hard that the jeep could drive on top of the drifts but if he "fell through" then he was really stuck. Dennis drove up to our place, a quarter mile to the north, and together, he in Don's jeep and I in my '58 Pontiac, challenged each other to see who could get through more snow with their respective vehicles. It was pretty close. I had more momentum and he had the advantage of less weight.

However, the last snowbank proved to be an eye-opener. We drove into our yard and a long, very hard snowbank had been built out to the east of one of the little buildings. This snowbank was only about hood deep on the car and about ten feet through with bare ground on either side of it. I hit it with my Pontiac and just plowed through it with snow flying in all directions. Denny, at about 15 mph and a few seconds behind me, tried to plow through this snowbank a few feet from where I had gone through. His jeep, being so light, used the firm packed snowbank as a ramp and he became airborne. It was like watching a slow-motion movie as he went up, the bottom of the tires of the jeep were right at 6 or 7 feet from the ground, the front of the jeep came down and the rear kept going up until he was almost in a vertical position, and then he came down at, perhaps, at a 70 degree angle. If he could have had his foot on the brake pedal when the tires hit the ground, that might have flipped the jeep over on its top because the front tires came down first. It was undecided as to whether he was going to go on over on the top, but finally the rear end came down hard, I mean very hard. It scared both of us and I'm sure that neither of us ever mentioned it to Don as to how much abuse and torture his prized jeep took that day.

The Official and Unofficial Fight Songs

"Onward Milford": to the tune of "On, Wisconsin".
Onward Milford, Onward Milford,
Fight like men so bold,
We are out to win this game,
So help us young and old, Rah. Rah, Rah,
Onward Milford, Onward Milford.
We will praise your name,
Just keep on fighting boys,
And win this game- Rah!

The following is the unofficial, very unofficial, fight song of Milford. If you don't want to read anything that might be a little inappropriate--- skip the next 9 lines.

Reproduced in the interest of historical enthusiasm.

To the tune of "Cheer, Cheer, for ol' Notre Dame"--
Beer, Beer for ol' Milford High,
Bring on the whiskey, bring on the rye,
Send a freshman out for gin,
Don't let a sober sophomore in,
We never stagger, we never fall,
We sober up on wood alcohol,
While our drunken team goes staggering,
Onward to victory!!

This is another instance of when the young folks of today hear of such a variation, they are surprised and amused that their straight laced, stick to society's rules, elders would even think of such a thing and would remember that refrain after more than fifty years.

One time, probably in the spring of 1954, some of us fellows were going to do this rendition at an afternoon 5 to 10 minute "pep rally" just before the busses were to leave to take the students home. Somehow Coach Ev Cochrane found out, perhaps we even asked if he thought it was appropriate, and he promptly informed us that it was not to be done. There were a group of five or six of us standing on the court and each was to say a few words-- I'll bet Coach Cochrane was a little nervous that we'd go ahead and break into song-- but we didn't.
Some of Milford's cheers are on page 131.

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"Our Beautiful Skunk River Falls"

Educational Smoking in the Classroom

Dale Hughes '55

In about 1949, when I was in the sixth grade and Mrs Everett was our teacher, she put on a demonstration that was quite enlightening. She was rather an advanced method teacher. She taught us some of the Sex Education principles that were very age relevant but that's another story for another time.

She was convinced of the unhealthiness of smoking and would occasionally say something to that effect, but one day she invited the Janitor, Carl 'Shorty" Johnson, into our classroom for a demonstration. He did smoke and for this demonstration she gave him a fine linen handkerchief and had him put it over the inhaling end of the cigarette and put that to his lips and draw a couple puffs through this linen handkerchief. There remained a couple of small, the size of the end of a cigarette, quite dark spots on the linen. She told us, and Shorty confirmed, that was what goes into your lungs every time one smokes a cigarette. Well, anyhow, it was very effective teaching for many of the class but there were some who elected to ignore this evidence. Just to keep the matter in front of the students, she told us a couple of weeks later that no amount of washing of that linen could remove all the tars, etc, that were stuck to the linen hankerchief.

I have told this story to some young people with the intention of convincing them that there are things in cigarettes that one does not want in their lungs, and they are quite surprised that such an experiment was permitted to take place in the classroom. Some of them elected to proceed to smoke so I guess very few things are 100%.

"Four Miles South of Roland"

Arlen Twedt '62N.

This intersection has special significance to me. Jacob and Allie Twedt, my grandparents, farmed the 160 to the northeast, and this is where my father, Floyd, was born in 1913. Allie Twedt's brother, Oscar G. Twedt (Jacob and Allie were Twedt cousins) farmed the 160 to the northwest. Allie's sister, Elizabeth Cole, and her husband farmed the 80 to the southwest. Orleen and Amil Twedt and Otis and Argyle Cole were my father's childhood playmates and life long friends. To the southeast was the Tendall place where my father found his future wife, Grace, who was born in 1917. She was born at what I knew as the Haugland place in Sec 3. Her parents, Mike and Christine Tendall, then began farming in Warren Township until they purchased in Sec 11 their 160 acre farm back in Milford Township.

Left: This tranquil scene is the little check dam constructed by the WPA or the CCC fellows in the thirties about a quarter mile downstream from the Soper's Mill site. It soon washed away and the site is marked now by a small diameter pipe and few stones across the river.

Magnus Olson Family

Dorothy Olson'50 Christy (Jim) reported their family (Magnus and Ella Olson) lived in Milford Twp 1933-'43. Under the leadership of Supt B.G.Halverson and with Milford's close proximity to ISC, the district had excellent teaching staff that knew how to academically challenge their students. The Olsons had children in Milford from 1938-1943. All three Olsons; Dorothy '50, Loren '52 and James '53 graduated from Roland with classes of 20-25 students and ironically all with Valedictorian or Salutatorian honors. She also complimented that Milford Twp provided families with close friendship, social gatherings and a feeling of close community and the PTA was a constant monthly contact with families and education. These years will always be close to our hearts as we reminisce over our educational experiences.

Very well said and several others made similar comments in the 2007 survey. Mary Harper '51 left Milford as a sophomore and was Valedictorian for the Ames Class of 1951.

A couple of short comments from former high school students at Milford:
Doris Moser '49 writes: "I don't know who, or how or why, but the 2 years I spent at Milford High School did more good for me than anything else I can think of. I gained confidence and purpose in life, and made many long lasting friendships."

Harriet Comfort '47 Whitmore writes: "The closeness we as students felt to the people of the community knowing they were behind us no matter what. That never goes away. We were lucky that economically we were basically in the same category. Thank goodness there was no right and wrong side of the tracks in our School."

See Glen Egland's story on page 291.

Nevada Girl Knocked out in Basketball Game

In a game that may have had far reaching consequences for the Girls of North Story County, a Nevada girl was KO'd in a contest with Iowa Falls. Nevada lost both the boys and girls games. The date of the incident was March 27 but no year was given. Speculation was 1927 or earlier and as early as 1919.

Some have stated that this incident was the "reason" that schools in the northern part of the County were reluctant to have competitive girls sports.

Ol' Milford Farmer learn: Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen no how.

Horseback Trip

One of the most unnecessary trips ever taken by a couple of Milford lads was in 1963 when Jerry Book and Dale Hughes rode their horses westward.

One pleasant day in the middle of summer, Jerry Book rode his horse up to our place and, in the casual conversation, said- Why don't we head for Denver on horseback some time soon? Not having much else to do, I thought for a couple of seconds and said- Why not? So, a couple of days later we headed for the great West-- Jerry on one of his best horses and I on a horse borrowed from my Brother. We dilly-dallied along setting under trees for shelter in rain storms, swimming in old rock quarries, etc. for two weeks getting to Omaha where we stayed a couple nights with Ed Allen '58 who was stationed there at Offut AFB.

While there, a cold rain set in and my horse caught pneumonia and when we started out again he was breathing so rapidly we both thought it impossible that an animal this large could breath like that. A quick decision was made to halt the adventure and we called my Brother who came down in Dad's old '48 Ford pickup and took us back to Milford Twp.

Two weeks later, to the day, my Brother took me and the now recovered horse back to the same farm where we had stopped and I went on alone, on to Denver. I had left many of the items that Jerry and I had carried behind so I reduced the saddle and gear weight from about 125 pounds to 90-95 pounds. We had an inventory of gear that, we thought, would be the envy of any TV cowboy. Anyhow, I headed south and west in an attempt to bypass Lincoln to the south. While doing this I happened to end up on an east west road for about 75 miles that was right under the westbound flightpath of the B-47's that flew in and out of Lincoln AF Base. It was sobering to realize that, in an hour or so, those guys in their air-conditioned planes could be in Denver and I would be down the road three miles, still swatting mosquitoes and getting more sunburned. They could be dining on steaks at the Officer's Club and I'd be eating a can of body temperature sardines, topped off with body temperature beans eaten with only a sharp knife and with the persistent company of a swarm of insects.

When we had been traveling together, Jerry had a "ten-gallon" western hat while I had elected to not wear a hat. However, on very sunny, quite warm, windless afternoon riding and walking into the late afternoon sun, I suddenly became very aware that I was getting sunburned. So, the next morning, when I passed one of the numerous small towns that were along the way, I purchased a western style straw hat and some Noxema.

There were numerous small misadventures of a dog bite, pinning a rattler to the ground with my knife, getting "robbed" at a carnival in west Nebraska, a runaway horse, and sleeping in the open in an all night light rain besides numerous reports of "sleeping sickness" which was attacking the horses of the area..

I traveled about 27 miles a day by being in the saddle at daybreak and riding quite late in the evening- walking most of the time. I say the trip took me 2 weeks and 19 days. Two weeks with Jerry and 19 days by myself. Two weeks to go about 225 miles and 19 days to go about 560 miles. When in Denver I sold the horse for $225. My Brother said I could if I got $150 for him as horses like that one were worth about $75. So, I gave him the $150 and I kept the other $75.

The return trip was made in about 14 hours by Rock Island train to Des Moines and this was the most seat weary hours of the entire adventure.

Bill Horine, long time Milford area Mail Carrier from Nevada, writes:

"When Jurine Borton Moore asked me if I would write some of my remembrances when I was a Rural Letter Carrier in Milford Township during the 50s and into the 70s, I was very pleased as it brought back a flood of memories of the many friends I had in the Milford area and some remarkable moments that occurred while I was a rural mail carrier. Weather and the needs of the moment quite often necessitated some quick decisions.

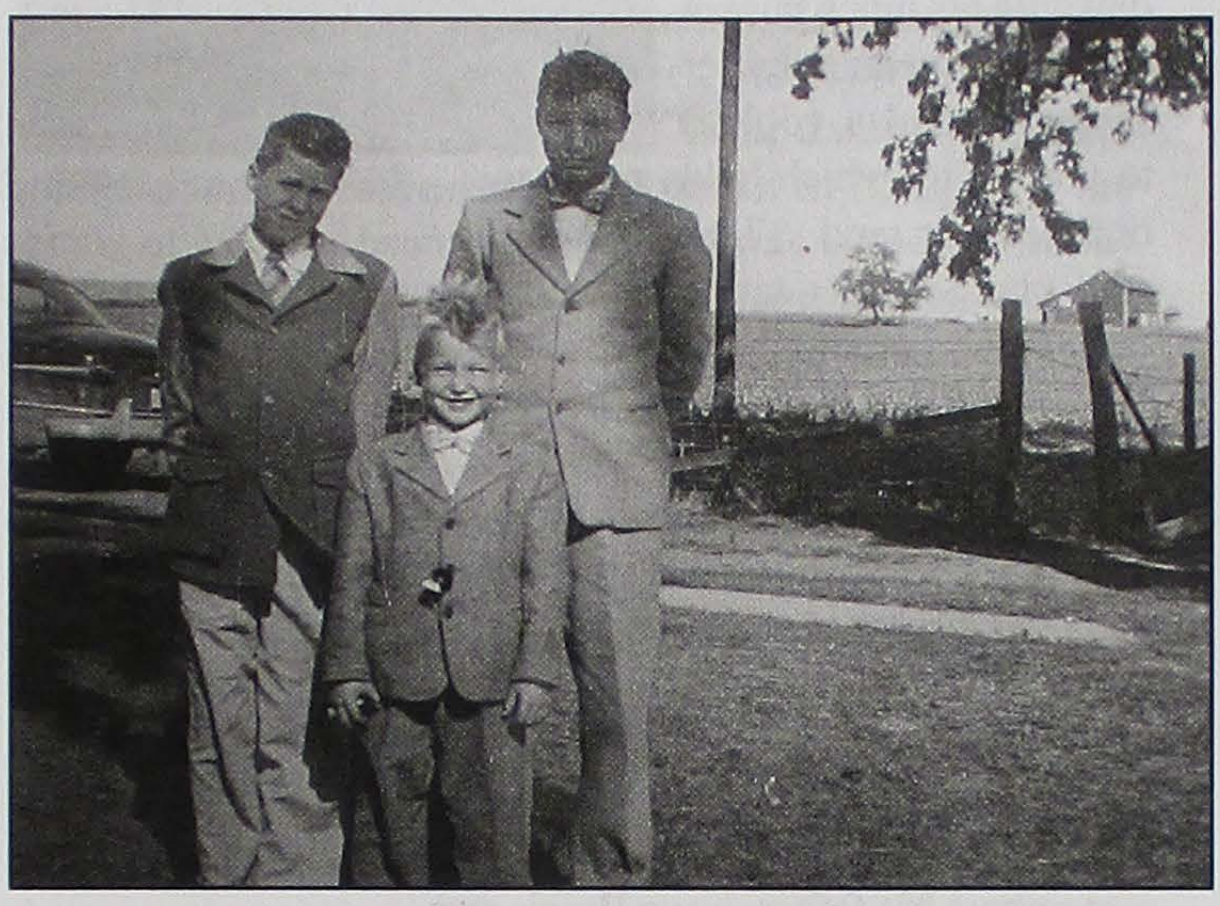
"I recall one time when school was dismissed early in the day because of a blizzard blowing in. I came upon a school bus in the ditch. I stopped and the driver asked if I would call in and let them know what happened and that he had five children yet to be delivered. I told him I would stop and call in and when I saw the children I knew that I would be going by their homes. I offered to take the kids with me and drop them off. This really pleased them, the chance to ride with the mailman was a rare opportunity. Snow was blowing more all the time and I did not finish the route until about six that evening. About a week later a lady came out to her mail box and informed me that my job was to deliver mail, not children. I then asked her if she would have liked me to leave her child in the bus and she just turned and walked away. Thankfully you don't meet many persons with that mentality.

"We had several bad winters during the 60s. I recall another time when the weather was bad and a blizzard lasted two days and we did not go out on the route. The morning of the third day the weather lifted, even though the snow plows hadn't yet gone out, since I had a 4 wheel drive pickup I would go out ahead of the plows. The challenge was to see what I could do with the drifted roads. After driving about 30 miles and a number of detours, I was out in Milford Township about midway between Nevada and Ames. At a driveback a young man came running out and said, "I'm stuck and can't get my car out and I have to get my wife to the hospital!" "Would you pull me out?" I knew what the problem was and I also knew he could never make it to the hospital with his wife who was in labor. I decided that I had to try and help him. I put all the mail and him in back and put his wife in front with me. I felt that if I could get to 13th street, which had been regraded to a higher grade that fall, I could get to Ames easier than I could get back to Nevada. It was a rough ride and she broke her water. I then had to decide what to do if the child came before I got to the hospital in Ames. I had left a note in a patrons mail box with his mail to call Mary Greeley and tell them I was going to try and get in with the lady. I got her to Ames and they rushed her to delivery. I left the hospital as soon as I dropped off her and her husband. She delivered 10 minutes later, I found out. I didn't tell anyone about that incident. That was a no-no on account of the liability factor. Stop and call in, yes, but taking a pregnant woman to the hospital was forbidden. Under the circumstances I was the only one that could help at that moment in need.

"Children used to come out to the mailbox many times to meet the mailman. I recall that Pauline Book used to come down to their mailbox at the corner south of the Book farm several times with her four little boys in the car. She would arrive there about the time I did. This was before drive backs were instituted. The Book's third son, Loren, later became my son-in-law when he married Ruth, our youngest daughter. Loren and Ruth's three daughters all attended Milford School at one time. So you see I had and still have many ties to the Milford area. I also delivered mail to Milford School before they joined the Nevada system. The hundreds of many wonderful memories when I delivered mail to patrons in Milford township will be with me until I leave this earth."

Jurine Borton Moore '56 writes that when she left the Milford area to attend college, she went to the mail box and, on the mail box door, wrote "Hi Bill" -- "since I'd be gone and I realized Bill always waived so friendly when he delivered our mail." Also 284

The Raymond and Florence Thompson Boys

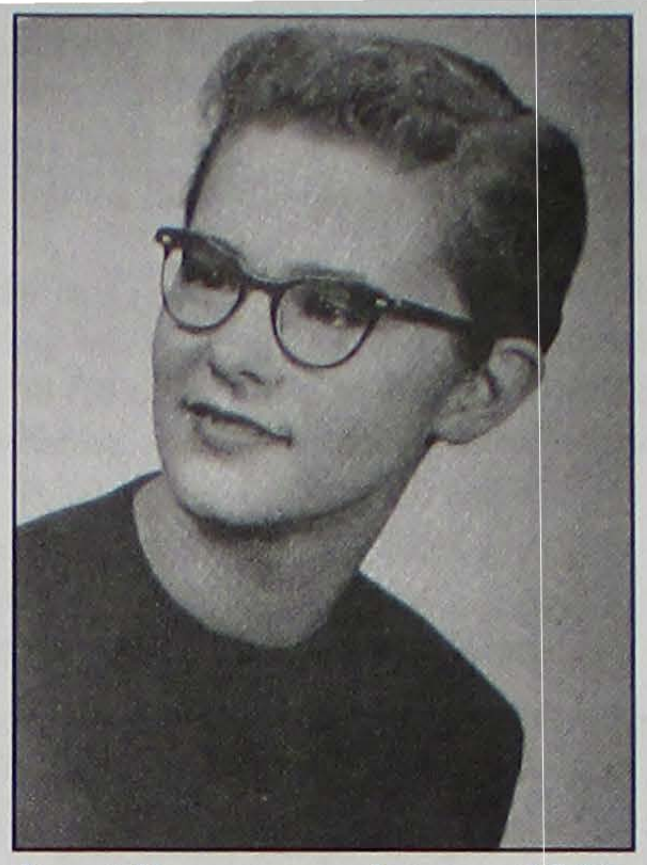


Left: Roger '58, LaVerne Nevada '65, and Jimmie '57. At the Janitor's house looking to the ENE with the farmstead that was a quarter mile east of the School in the background. Little sister Linda was born about this time. Note the good-looking Ford automobile in the background.

A report is a report, perhaps even a fictitious one :

Sometime before "the War", so the story goes, a grass fire somehow got burning near a Milford farm and the Ames City fire Dept came to put it out but it turned out to be more than they could deal with. A suggestion was made to call the Milford Volunteer Fire group. There was some reluctance but the Chief agreed. The Milford boys arrived in their dilapidated old truck and rumbled toward the fire, drove right into the middle of the flames and then stopped. The Milford boys jumped off the truck and frantically started spraying water in all directions and soon had put out the fire. Seeing this, the farmer was so impressed with the Volunteers' skills and was so grateful that his farm had been spared that he took out his check book and wrote the Volunteers a check for $100. By now there was a reporter on the scene and he asked the Milford Fire Capt what the Volunteers planned to do with all that money. "That ought to be obvious," he said, still wiping the soot off his coat. "The first thing we're gonna do is get the brakes fixed on our fire truck!"

Memories of Dad (Jeffery Herman Rasmusson) by Janet Rasmusson Larson ('58)



Janet Rasmusson Larson 1958

"Dad grew up on a farm six miles north of Nevada, Iowa; therefore, he attended a one-room schoolhouse located one mile east of the family home. He remembers walking to school each day with his lunch bucket (jelly and peanut butter sandwich and a cookie) to a building which held one teacher and 17-18 students. Subjects taught were spelling, arithmetic, geography, and history; however, spelling and arithmetic were Jeff's favorites.

"The family home always had electricity. His father (Lewis Rasmusson) remodeled the home in 1919, putting in a bathroom and running water. They were the envy of all their neighbors. And Lewis had the first grain elevator in the area-- people would come from miles around to see this elevator. His father had the best horses in the neighborhood. Father Lewis was very progressive-- purchased the farm and tiled it. Jeff helped his father build the hog house. And Jeff remembers his father drove Buick cars.

"Jeff's sister Fern, who was two years younger than Jeff, drowned in the livestock tank at the age of five. The Rasmusson children would play on the livestock tank which had a lid; However, this particular day Fern went down to the tank by herself and accidentally fell in.

"When Jeff was five or six years old, he remembers eating so much watermelon that he became ill. And to this day, he doesn't like watermelon.

"Jeff's father (Lewis Rasmusson) and mother (Bertha Hall Rasmusson) along with one daughter Myrtle (who died later) traveled by boat to Norway to visit relatives. They left the remainder of the family with two hired men and one hired girl to care for the farm and home.

"Dad remembers playing house in their crib. They made pies and cakes from mud.

"Dad feels he was deprived-- forgotten from time to time. His father (Lewis Rasmusson) died when Jeff was eight years old. Jeff drove cars for his mother, did chores, milked ten cows and fed twelve horses. When Jeff was fifteen years old, his mother remarried and he then had a stepfather.

"Jeff has very few memories about Christmas and never remembers a Christmas tree. His mother was so busy with all the children. She would bake ten to twelve loaves of bread at a time. When one of Jeff's sisters needed a new dress, He remembers his mother would stay up all night to sew the dress.

"Jeff doesn't remember anything special about birthdays. Nor does he remember much about the Fourth of July holidays.

"Jeff attended church at Salem Lutheran Church in Roland, Iowa. He attended Sunday School there also. He remembers going to his Grandpa Rasmusson's home while his parents were at church and Jeff would play his grandfather's flute, which had been hand -crafted by his grandfather.

"His confirmation class of twenty-six was special. Confirmation was a two-hour service along with catechizing. Prior to this, Jeff had always worn short pants; however, on Confirmation Day. Jeff wore long pants, a suit coat, and a tie for the first time. After the service, relatives come to the Rasmusson home for a big dinner. And that evening, the confirmands returned to Salem for first communion.

"The Rasmusson family went to Nevada each Saturday night. Jeff and his good friend Francis Donaldson each had a quarter to spend. Since everything was a nickel, Jeff and Francis were each able to purchase five items. Jeff would always purchase a bottle of strawberry pop.

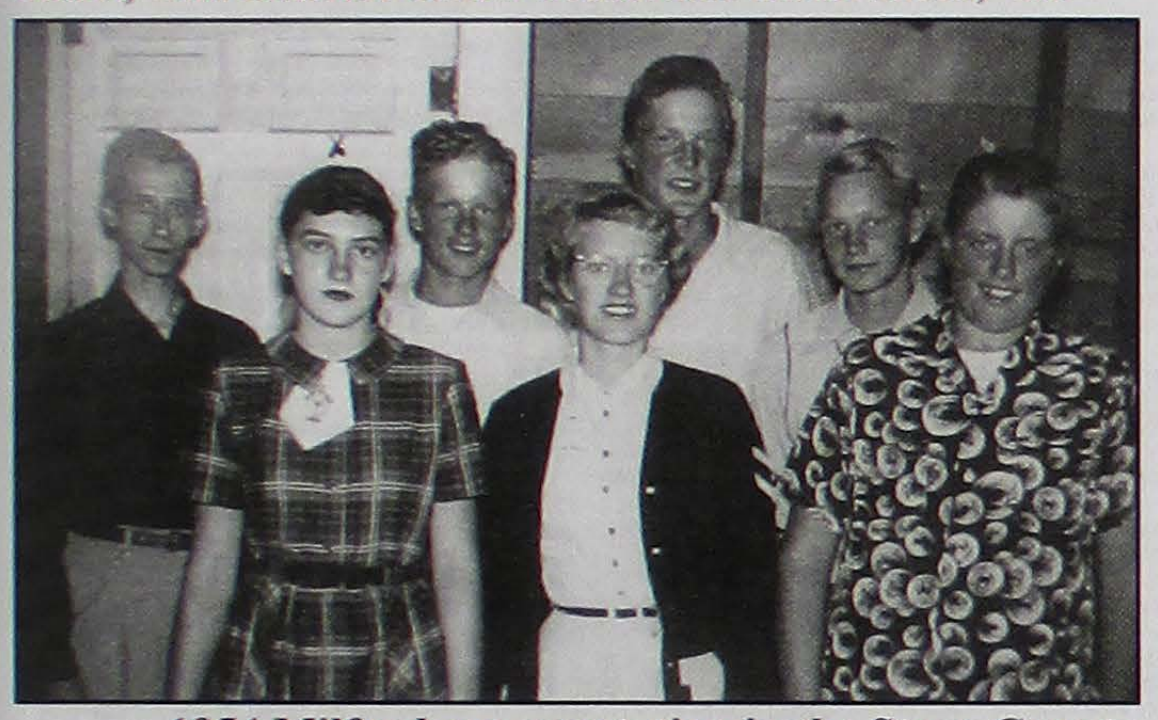
"Jeff attended high school at Milford Township Consolidated School (located about eight miles northwest of Nevada) and graduated at the age of seventeen. Jeff purchased his own cloths and bought his first car. He remembers a high school graduation gift from a brother-- a new pair of shoes-- so he had a new suit, shirt, tie, and shoes for graduation.

"Following graduation from high school, Jeff worked as a farmhand, two years at home and four year away from home, until his marriage to Edith Hanson. At this time, he and Edith started farming."

Ruth Warren as County 4-H President in 1953

Left to Right: Ruth Warren '54 of Milford Twp, Amy Jensen of Gilbert, Bonnie Lein of Slater, Ilene Shaul of Huxley, and Jo Ann Nelson of Fernald.
The Milford Hustlers had 7 County Presidents and the Merry Maids had 3. See page 239.
Jurine Borton says that one of the things she is most proud of in her 4-H career was being the campaign speaker for both Ruth Warren and her bother Art who were both elected County 4-H Presidents

Sharon Nelson, '63 Ames, served as the Girls Story County 4-H President in the mid '60s. Pictured here with Sharon and the gavels is the Boys President, Franklin Albertson, of Franklin Township. She lived a mile to the west from Milford and around the corner to the south. She is the daughter of Ona and Warren Nelson and has a sister, Sandi, who married fellow Milfordite Eddie Allen, '58.



1954 Milford representation in the Story County 4-H Chorus. Left: Director Leslie Henderson, Ruth Warren, Loyd Hughes, Jurine Borton, Dale Hughes, Norman Honderd, Art Borton. This was the first year of this Chorus and the Chorus was only in existance for about three years. It grew out of the newly organized Story County 4-H Builders Club. Both organizations were the only ones of their type in the State. They sang at such places as the State 4-H Conferences, and other events at Iowa State College, and at the Iowa State Fair. They had one "gig" on WOI-TV.

Edit- I recall this TV event quite vividly as about three minutes before air time, when everybody was milling around, one of the ladies associated with the chorus came to me and said, "Dale, I don't want to hear a sound out of you. Just stand up there in the back row with Curtis (Townswick), mouth the words, and look pretty!" She was referring to the fact that I sang the bass part an octave lower than it was written and she didn't like that. The bass part was too high for my voice range. It was perhaps my first, but definitely, my last participation with the Story County 4-H Chorus.

The Class of 1956 in 1955 and 51 Years Later 2006

Above: Wilbert Hadley, Jurine Borton, Ed Needham, Hazel Horness, Ron Otto, Loyd Hughes, Shirley Meyer, Larry Miller, Irene Hodgson, Vernon Olson, Jack Allen, Mrs Sandell, Duane Brodie. Occasion- the Jr- Sr Banquet in the spring of 1955. Absolutely no effort was made to "duplicate" the upper photo with the lower, and just look at the similarity in placement of the individuals: Wilbert on the left, Jurine and Hazel changed places, Irene and Shirley, even Dale in place of his brother Loyd by Ron Otto, Mrs Cochrane in place of Lois Sandell.

Below: Wilbert Hadley, Hazel Horness Jessen, Jurine Borton, Larry Miller, Dale Hughes '55, Mrs Larry (Shirley) Miller, Ron Otto, Mrs Ron (Sandy) Otto, Irene Hodgson, Mrs Loren (Shirley Meyer) Hovland, Mrs Ev (Marge) Cochrane, Loren Hovland. Occasion- the fiftieth anniversary class reunion. Missing from the photo were Ed, Duane, Jack, Vernon, and Loyd Hughes, who is the only member of the class who has died (cancer 1998)., the only one of the group who has died- in 1998.

Milford Girls 4-H Begins

In March of 1928 Milford started a club for the young ladies of high school age that was named the "Gritty Pards" This club seems to have integrated with another called the Milford Merry Maids to become the 4-H club. In 1928 there was a convention and some of the girls went to it. Their emblem was the same as the 4-H club. The local Pres was Arlet Christian, Vice Pres was Viola Danielson, Publicity Chair was Thelma Peterson, and Secretary was Dorothy Day, and Treasurer was Margaret Hereim. Also 238

Ol' Milford Farmer think: better keep words soft and sweet, just in case I have to eat 'em.

All Known Milford Twp Students 1927-1961

35 years/classes -1927 through 1961- 350 graduates; B194-G156

High School Graduates on pg 183 & Pictures pg 292

Grad><---------Spouse---------->Boys,Girls< ----------phone --- address
DOD/DOD B7G7.

1927 10= 5B & 5G (See eighth grade graduates on page 85)

Supt A.J.Mickelson	D/D	--	Prin Edith Myers			
George Allen	'77/D	M'30	Bernice Vilmont	B1G1		
Ray J.Danielson #	'01/'91	M	Vera Eubank '27	B-G1	l/kNevada	
Vera Eubank	'91/'01	M	Ray Danielson'27	B-G1	l/kNevada	
Clyta Graham	'05/D	M	Ernest Hinderks	B-G-		
George Hansen	'77/'96	M'30	Irene McClellean	B1G1		
John Hereim	D/-	S	single	worked for City of Ames		
Vivian Kimble	D/D	M	Gaylon Mann/sf	B2G-	see page 132	
Wilma Moore	D/D	M	Tom Erickson	[both killed see page 78]		
Margaret Twedt	D/D	M	_____ Heiden	B-G1		
Huber Wilson	D/D	M	_____ _____	Pharmacist		

X=some other classmates: Enoch Durby[D], Opal Fisher[D], Leota Pond[D].

<Information INCLUDED is LAST KNOWN
< =# Senior class President B=boys
< *=Valdictorian G=girls
< * *=Saluditorian D=death
< so=significant other dv=divorced
<'YR=of Milfordite if married to schoolmate
</fm=MilfordTwp farmer married to/'M'grad
</fs=Milford grad married to a 'M" sibling
</T=Milford grad married to a teacher
</sf=Milford grad married to a staff personal
</cf=M grad married church friend
<Atty=Attorney <AL=Assisted Living
<Prof=Professor <NH=Nursing Home
<Rev=Reverend <LTC=Long Term Care
<Prin=Principal <l/k=last known address
<Supt=Superintendent <X=attended w/class

1928 10= 3B & 7G (See eighth grade graduates on page 85)

Supt A.J.Mickelson	D/D	--	Prin Edith Myers		
Arlet F. Christian	'03/D	M	Kenneth Smith	B2G-	see page 168
Olive Christian	D/D	M	Jeff Borwick/fs		see page 232
Theresa Donaldson	D/D	M	Franis Lynch		
Bernice Howland\	D/D	M	Ruth _____		l/k in Denver
Bernita Howland/	D/D	M	Howard Ostrander		see page 232
Leota Lee	'82/'58.	M	John Latham/fs	B1G2	
Marie McCaffrey	D/D	M	Elwood?Frey		
Millard McCoy	D/D	M	_____ _____		
Wayne Slocum	D/D	M	_____ _____		
Jeanette Sowers	'03/D	M	Frank Peikert Sr	B1G-	see page 232

X= some other classmates: (See page 85) Juanita Babbit[D], Laurence Durby[D], Marion Gilreath[D], Earl Prescott[D], Grace Sampson[D], Frederick Smith[D]. >Milford Twp's only graduating twins--see page 259

1929 9= 3B & 6G (See eighth grade graduates on page 85)

Supt G.W.Weyrauch	D/D		Prin Edith Myers		
Co Supt Kellogg	D		<after G.W.'s death		
Ethel Burley	'08/'97	M	Floyd Davis	B-G1	l/k 903 8TH Nevada,IA 50201
Virgil Burley	D/D	M	_____ _____		
Viola Danielson **	'57/'99.	M	Marion Gilreath'29	B2G1	see page232
Virginia Donaldson	D/D	M	2)Clancy Rielly	[she died in child birth]	
	D/D	M	1)_____ Lee /fs		
Ruth Durby # *	'99/'91.	M'30	Victor Duea /fs	B3G2	
Marion Gilreath	'99/'57.	M	2)_____		see page 232
		M'37.	1)Viola Danielson'29	B2B1	
Helen McCaffrey	D/D	M	Ben _____		
Kimble Peterson	D/D	M	Gladys _____		see page 232 --some records indicate name as: Kimball
Emarine Sloan	D/D	M	_____ _____		

X= some other classmates: (See page 85) Dorothy Day[D]{M- _____ Otto[D]}, Lena Funk[D], Thomas King[D].

1930 13= 2B & 11G (See eighth grade graduates on page 85)

Supt Wayne Pratt	D/D		Prin Edith Myers		
Ruby E.Christian	'09/'02	M'37	Dr Aloio Freeman	B1G2.	see page 232 --l/k 400 N Barrington LA, CA 90049
Lois Cooke	D/D	M	Henry Uhr		
Genevieve Curtis	'05/--	S	single		
Marie Donaldson	D/D	M	Fred Heintz		
Jean Frey#	D/D	M'30	Virgil Lee /fs	B1G2	
Gladys Hansen	'95/D	M'45	John Hattery,Atty	B1G-	
Robert Harlow	'90/D	M	Lois Chitty		
Margaret A.Hereim	'95/'93.	M	Willard M.Gilreath/fs	B-G2	see page 232
Anna Hovland	'07/D	M	Erling Shold	B2G-	
Dorothea E.Kimble	/'83.	M'32	Ashea 'Ace' White	B2G-	l/k in NH in Belmond,IA
Thelma Peterson	D/D	M	Axel Nelson		
Elizabeth Skeers	'76/'67.	M'30	Haaken'Hack'Horness/fs.	B2G3	l/k Roland, IA
T.Eugene Thornton	D/D	M'39	Marguerite Rahe	B2G2	l/k Waterloo, IA. Supreme Court Justice, see page 216

X= some other classmates: Florence Crouch[D], Kenneth Dawson, Marie Danielson, Herbert Ericson, Florence King, John King, Corrine Laymon[D'98]{M'40-Glenn E Gabrielson[D'04] B2G-}, Earl Prescott, Myrtle R. Rasmusson[D'98]{M'31-Clarence Sampson/fs [D] B2G1}; Burdelle Rasmusson[D].

1931 7= 3B & 4G

Supt Ralph Morgan	D/D		Prin Evelyn Walker		
John Allen	D/D	M	_____ Johnson		l/k was a Mason in CA. He was a semi-pro boxer.
Louise C. Hovland	D/D	M'36	Harvey Tungesvick	B3G1	515 733 2107..812 Cedar St, Story City, IA 50248
Edith Jacobson	D/D	M	_____Vaught		
Reva Rhodes	'98/-	S	single		
Dorothy Sowers	'99/D	M'35	Vere Bielefeldt	B1G1	see page 232
Orlene Twedt	D/D	M	Lillian Thompson		
Timothy Wheelock	D/D	M	Marjorie Hansen/fs		

X= some other classmates: Joseph A.Curtis[D]{M-Edna _____[D]}, Bernice M. Durby 95 yrs 515-733-2187, Story City, IA{M'31- Martin T.Caltvedt[D'64] B2G3}, Ed McCaffrey.

1932 17= 8B & 9G

Supt Ralph Morgan	D/D		Prin Evelyn Walker		
Joe A. Alfred	'94/	M'36	Mabel L.Hansen'32	B-G1	
Max Arrasmith	'89/	M	2)BettyM.JohnsonCox.	B-G1	515 733 2657..518 Washington, Story City, IA 50248
	'89/'84	M	1)Pauline Lemon		
Rosalma Brodie	'05/D	M	Roy Hansen /fs		
Lester Brooks	'00/	M'41	Margaret E.Baker	B1G-	515 382 2715..1832 5th St, Nevada, IA 50201
Lowell Burley	D/D	M	_____ _____		
Franklin Crouse	'94/D	M	Doris Sorensen /fs		
Doris Frey **	'07/'86	M'35	Ralph Brodie /fs	B1G1	
Adeline Gilreath	'03/D	M	1)Edward Field		
	'03/D	M	2)Edward Ware		l/k Nice, CA
Mabel L.Hansen	/'94	M'36	Joe A.Alfred '32	B-G1	515 232 5016..2221 Kellogg, Ames, IA 50010
Caroll W.Louks	/'03	M'40	Maxine Hoel	B-G2	in NH at Story County Hospital Care Center, Nevada
Sylvia A.Paulsen # *	/'01	M'35	Lowell Holbert	B1G2	in NH in Stratford, IA
Agnes K.Peterson	'92/D	M	Loren Vieth		
Jeffrey Rasmusson	'06/	M'39	Edith Hansen	B1G3	.. she is in LTC #103, 630 6th, Story Co Med Center, Nevada
Vera A.Stevenson	/'88	M'47	Tom Tarman		see page 232 --275 Folson Rd,Apt303, Roseville CA
Mildred E.Streeter	D/D	M	_____ _____		lived with Charlie Alfred family during H S
Sylvia B.Thompson	D/D	M	Bill Lock		l/k in Beloit, WI
Floyd J.Twedt	'94/'05	M	Grace Tendall '35	B3G1	see page 281

X= some other classmates: Kenneth Curtis[D], Gladys Farni[D'63]{ 1)M'30-Joseph Hyler[D'63] B1 G2; 2)M'72-Harold Tice[D'92]}, Ed McCaffrey[D]{M-Rena Olan[D]}.

1933 10= 4B & 6G

Supt Ralph Morgan			Prin Evelyn Walker		
Erwin Alfred	D/D	M	Mabel Lewis	B2G1	l/k in Ames, Ia --cancer, died at 40
Geneive Brooks	/'02	M	Harold Myrland	B-G2	l/k in Hormel Home AL in Eagen, MN
Otis A.Cole	'93/'07	M'52	Vivian L.Buchanan	B-G1	l/k in Nevada, IA
Alvina Dueland	'91/D	M	Howard Mosebach		
Mary Eubank	D/'00	M	Prof Al Nelson		
Jeffrey Jacobson	D/D	M	Mabel Bergland	BlG2	
Ada Lee	D/D	M	Dr Henry'Hank'Mott		
Doris Sorensen	D/D	M	_____ Christiansen		
MaryJane Sorensen	'86/'86	M	Clayde 'Bud' Koph		
Amil Twedt	'93/	M	Sylvia Wierson	B3G-	515 733 4077..745TimberlandDr,#206, Story City, IA

X= some other classmates: Lowell Burley[D], Lowell Kimble[D].

Attended-- Unknown class level: Edward, Bernice & Helen Farni (PICTURE INLAY=GLEN SAMPSON)

1934 11= 5B & 6G

Supt Ralph Morgan	D/D		Prin Arlet Christian'28 Smith		
Robert Alfred	D/D	M	Eide Solivig	B2G1	ISC Cival Engener
Mary Allen	'91/D	M	Homer Vilmont	B-G1	
Virginia Brooks	'06/'69	M'40	LaVerne Jacobson'35.	B-G2	l/k in Nevada, IA
Esther Burley	'94/'84	M'36	Forest Groomes	B1G6	
Argyle Cole	'91/D	M	Virginia Taylor		
Genevieve Donaldson	/D	M	Eugene Cook	B3G1	515 382 2774..536 1 Av #2, Nevada, IA 50201
Gladys Earwicker	D/D	M	Allie Torgerson		
LucileEmilyLarson #	D/D	M	Randall Hoskins		
Marion Olinger	D/D	M	Fern _____		
Ray Watson	'71/D	M	2)Alice Keese/dv	B1G1	a barbar in Nevada
	'71/'99	M'42	1)Jeannette Johnson/dv	B-G2	(aka Jeannette Johnson Johansen)
Dannie Wheelock	D/D	M	_____ _____		

1935 16= 6B & 10G

Supt C.B.Johnson	D/D		Prin Arlet Christian'28 Smith		
Boyd A.Arrasmith	D/--	S	single		see page 78
Palma M.Durby	'06/D	M	John Beaty		
Esther L.Ersland	'97/D	M	Paul Englehardt	B1G-	see page 49
Dwight Fausch	'85/D	M	1)Joy _____	B-G3	see page 232 --l/k in Springville, IA
	'85/D	M'79	2)Hilda Deal Hawthorn		
Marjorie Frey	D/D	M	Wendell Strother		
Cordelia Gilreath	D/D	M	Floyd M.Peterson /fs		
Esther Hovland	'95/D	M	Lester Olson		
Ardys B.Jacobson	D/--	S	single		
LaVerne Jacobson	'69/'06	M'40	Virginia Brooks'34	B-G2	see page 70
Arlene B.Langland	'01/D	M	George Stewart		Obit said Arlene's bros:Francis,KS;Floyd,MO,Lowell,IA
Myron W.Larsen	D/D	M	Ruth L.Hauser /T 1938-'43	B1G5	Milford Twp Farmer
Robert H.Lawson	D/--	S	single		ISC Landscape Architect
Lucille D.Prescott	'91/D	M	2)Harlan Hopper/fs		
	'91/D	M	1)_____ Hale		
Florence Rasmusson	D/D	M	Harold Austreheim		
Grace O.Tendall	'05/'94	M	Floyd Twedt '32	B3G1	see page 281
Elmer Watson	'92/D	M'41	Luella Campbell	B1G1	

1936 13= 10B & 3G (See eighth grade graduates on page 85)

Supt B.G.Halverson	D/--		No Principal		
Fay Beal	D/--	S	single male		--worked in CCC Camp under FD Roosevelt
Virgil P.Brooks	/'88	M'41	MaxineE.Cooper'37	B4G3	515 382 4675..811 K Av, Nevada, IA 50201
Joseph Burley	D/--	S	single		--killed in accident near tile factory. See page 78
Walter Dale	D/D	M	Darlene Sampson/fs		
J.Edward'Ed'Eller	D/D	M	2)Esther Reise		
	D/D	M	1)Helen Twedt '38		--died with child birth
Mary Ann Hopper	/'61	M'45	Vere Lawler	B2G5	In NH in Colo,IA
Marvin Jacobson	D/D	M	Alma _____		
Earl Lee	'94/D	M	Bertha _____		
Betty McCord #	'90/'43	M'43	1)Laverne Sorensen'36.-G1		see page 232 --killed by bus in DesMoines, 1990
	D/D	M	2)Laverne McDonald		
FrancesRasmusson	'99/D	M	2)Bill Vasey /fs	B1G1	(Bill was a cousin of her first husband)
	'99/D	M	1)Hank Vasey		--killed in military by tanker
Lester'Les'Shickell	/	M'46	Ruth Gildersleeve	B1G3	515 292 3280..2702 N Dakota Av, Ames, IA 50014
Laverne Sorensen	'43/D	M	Betty McCord '36	B-G1	'Bud' was killed in USAF training in KS. See page 191
Don Starbuck	D/D	M	Gladyce _____		l/k in Nevada, IA

X= some other classmates: Joe Alford [D], Leonard Dueland [D'91] Nevada farmer {Bernadine Higgs [D'86] B1G1}, Keith Eubanks [D], Bud Gilreath [D], Ed Lodestein [D], Henry Peterson [D] (In 8th grade, it was all boys-11! See page 85)

1937 10= 7B & 3G

Supt B.G.Halverson	D/--		No Principal		
Harvey Beal	D/D	M	_____ Oxley		--honored after 45 yrs as an Ames School Patrol
Maxine Cooper	'88/	M'41	Virgil Brooks'36	B4G3	see page 221
Fred'Fritz'Eller	'82/	M'44	Betty Berhow	B3G1	
Lester Molde	/'04	M'43	Edithe Christman	B1G3	715 835 5133..851 University Dr #310, Eau Claire, WI54701
Edward Sorensen	'69/D	M	Detcy Brady	B2G2	see page 78
Richard Sorensen	'01/	M'47	Ellen Dwight	B2G	A CENTURY FARM (1990) in Milford Twp
Katherine Tendall	'__/'80	M	Lester Hemer	B2G1	In home in St.Paul,Mn
Leonard Tendall	'00/D	M'48	2)Marian C.Davis	B4G1	M 52yrs l/kNevada, IA
	'00/D	M	1)Jean Apple		
Dorothy Tesdal	D/D	M	_____ _____		
Clifford Thomsen	'96/D	M	Lucille'Lucy'	B__G__	--died in TX; Milford Twp farmer

X= some other classmates: Stanley Ball[D]{M'36-Dorothy Farni/fs[D] .115 Fairfield Bay, AR 72088}, Evelyn Bloomberg[D], Bob Wheelock[D]

1938 15= 5B & 10G

Supt B.G.Halverson	D/--		No Principal		
Marvin Brooks	'79/'99	M'44	Virginia J.Heitkamp	B4G1	
Frances Christian	'82/'98	M'43	Dr Borg Holen	B1G2	l/k in Roland, IA; Borg was the area Vet
Ruby Danielson	D/D	M	Clyde SmithJr/fs		
Rhoda Grimsley	'99/'95	M'43	Nolan Grubb	B2G3	M-52yrs. Obit said: "Brilliant example of selflessness"
Weldon Kingsbury	'03/	M'44	Mavis Cunningham	B1G3	
Mona Lee	D/D	M'43	Lloyd Dickersen	B1G1	M-60yrs l/kBentonville, AK; Lloyd was Ames Police Chief
James Matters	'78/D	M	_____ _____	B1G1	
Lucille F.Menzel	'85/'78	M	Duncan H.Irish	B1G2	
Margaret Nelson	D/--	S	single		
Wayne H. Olinger	/'07	M'40	Helen W.Engels	B3G4	515 382 4764..919 J Av, Nevada, IA 50201
Grace Rasmusson	'91/'92	M'44	Curtis Jacobson'40	B2G2	
William L.Sharpe	/'09	M'46	Carole J._____	B2G2	see page291.515 223 9515..927Ashworth Rd,W DesMoines
Helen Twedt	D/D	M	J.Edward'Ed'Eller'36		
Velda Wakefield	'05/'71	M'40	Orville Oliver	B2G2	
Blanche Williams	/	M	Max Cook/dv	B-G1	l/k in a home NH in Mountain View, MO

X= some other classmates: John Eller, Earl Stevenson [D'38 see page 74]

1939 6= 4B & 2G

Supt B.G.Halverson	D/--		No Principal		
Ben Durby	'94/	M'68	Lois Sevde Stone	B4G1	515 388 4693..300 E. High St,#10, Roland IA 50236
Grace Molde	/	M'42	JamesM. Helland	B1G1	515 733 5329..114 Elm Ave, Story City, IA 50248
Walter Jacobson	'05/	M'47	Marlys Kratz /T1949-'51.	B-G2	515 289 1156..2909 WoodlandAv#514 DesMoines
James McCord#*	'00/	M	Marilyn Solem		see page 40 --l/k Cathedrel City, CA
Inez T.Sampson	/'98	M'46	Edward Rudny	B-G1	
Raymond Sorensen.	'90/D	M'43	Sally Hansen'43	B1G3	l/k SanAntonia,TX

X= some other classmates: Jack Alfred [D] l/k Pinetop,AZ {M-Myrna Carlson[D]}, Sarah Hegeland {M-Louis Borton }, Arnold Nelson 1-10th , Betty Starbuck {M-Merle Daley}; Olive Twedt.

1940 15= 12 B & 3G

Supt B.G.Halverson	D/--		No Principal		
Betty Arneson	/'06	M'43	Donald Hansen	B3G-	515 733 4872..619 Elm Ave #207 Story City, IA 50248
Donald'Jack'Borts	'60/D	M	Ilo _____	B-G1	l/k had a fatal heart attack in CA
LaVern Brooks	'68/'05	M	Dorris E.Price	B3G2	l/k in Nevada, IA
Robert Cooper	/	M'42	Maxine Swenson	B1G2	l/k both in AL @ 382 2581.706 16thSt,Nevada, IA50201
Margaret Edgerton	/	M	_____ Gerness (l/w MacAllen's)		19402 Cindy Lane, Huntington Beach,CA 92964
Dixon L.Harper	/	M'05	(at 83 yrs) 2)Harriet Iverson Nisson		828 855 1913.. 511 B, 26th Av NE, Hickory, NC 28601
(see page 200)	/'05	M'47	1)Shirley Thevenin	B1G1	M-58yrs --l/k in Germantown, WI 53022
Curtis Jacobson	'92/'91	M'43	Grace Rasmusson'38	B2G2	
Leonard Jones	D/D	M	_____ _____		l/k in Ft Dodge,IA
Edward Larsen	'09/	M'46	Vada Marcy	B3G1.	.A CENTURY FARM..l/k both in NH @ 908 N, Huxley, IA
Mary Olinger#	D/D	M	Bill Frisbie		
George J. Peterson	'44/--	S	single	---	see page 193 --KILLED in MILITARY in 1944.
Donald Rasmusson	'92/	M	Doris Classon/dv	B2G1	
Charles Sorensen	'85/D	M	Charlotte Johnson	B1G4	
Kermit Sorensen	'87/'05	M	Gerri Heibner	B1G1	'Shorty'
Donald Wakefield	D/D	M'47	Frances Kroger	B1G1	Some other classmates: Bob Matters

1941 11= 5B & 6G

Supt B.G.Halverson	D/–		No Principal		
Doris Bailey	'99/D	M	Ralph Bayer	B1G-	Doris taught Dale Carnegie in Detroit, MI
Delores Borts	'90/D	M	Rubin Petersen	B1G2	Doris 'Topsy' was l/k to be in NH in Madrid,IA
Alyce Burley	D/D	M	_____ Ververs		l/k to be in Phoenix, AZ
Stanley Egland	'05/	M'56	2)Joan Hill Pratty	B2G3	M-49yrs..515 232 2682.. 3912 StoneBrooke Cr,Ames
	'05/'55	M	1)Janice Leeper	B-G-	
Ardyce Grimsley	/'92	M'41	John Peterson	B1G3	M-51yrs..515 328 3470..641 School, Box # 4, Randall, IA
Harlan Harper Jr	'03/	M'46	Myrtle Nassen'42	B-G3.	M-59yrs.. l/k in Story City, IA
Forest'Pete'Jones	'91/D	M	_____ _____		l/k DesMoines,IA
Kermit O.Molde	/	M'47	JoAnnB.Durby/cf	B2G1	515 733 2276..745 Timberland Dr#205,Story City, IA
Ruby Nassen	/'04	M'43	Rev Leon Triggs	B1G3	M-61yrs --l/k in NH in West Branch,IA
Arnold J. Nelson	D/D	M	Margaret'Peg'Short		l/k Oceanside, CA
Ione Sampson	/D	M	Elwood French		515 232 2682..916 H Av, Nevada, IA 50201

X= some other classmates: Wm'Bill'J.Brekke {M'48-Lorraine Miller B2G6}..563 565 3383..7828 60th St, Chester, IA, Marvin Smith II [D'74 {M-Delores Jane Martin[D] B2 G2}

1942 11= 6B & 5G

Supt B.G.Halverson	D/–		No Principal		
Evelyn Anderson	D/D	M	1) Clifford Adams		
	D/D	M	2)Tom Lange		
Bill Christy	D/D	M	Julie G. Solyst	B2G1	
Richard Comfort	'04/D	M'46	Trilla Hunter	B1G2	M-58yrs..l/k Deputy Sheriff Pilot in Black Canyon,AZ
Doris Jacobson	/	M	Jess Helland	B1G2	l/k in Story City, IA
Julius'Jude'Johnson	'09/	M'50	Juanita Allenx'43	B-G-	M-59yrs..515 382 2706..57798 260th St, Nevada IA 50201
Kathline Matters	'86/D	M	Paul Nott	B-G1	
Arnold Munson	'99/	M'46	WilmaM.Hartman	B1G2	M-53yrs..515 663 9978..1004 26th St, Ames, IA 50010
MyrtleP.Nassen*	/'03	M'46	Harlan HarperJr'41	B-G3	M-57yrs..515 733 2400..123 Hillcrest, Story City, IA 50248
Leo Tjelmeland	/'01	M'47	Sally Banks	B4G1	M-54yrs..515 382 6264..60649 180th St, Nevada, IA 50201
Guy Jr Wakefield	'06/'07	M'45	Lula Thompson/fs	B2G2	M-61yrs l/k on farm in Milford Twp
Beulah Walston	D/D	M	John Sharp		X= some other classmates: Joyce Starbuck {M-Marvin Stenson}

1943 10= 6B & 4G

Supt B.G.Halverson	D/–		No Principal		
Glen R.Egland #	/'02	M'45	June Michaelson	B3G3	515 733 4645..735 Timberland Dr #303, Story City, IA
Don Halverson	/	M	2)Esther Forest		712 792 2457..265 Perch St, Carroll, IA 51401
	/D	M	1)Mary Keister	B5G-	--includes twin boys \\\ 480 218 1955..
Sally Hansen	D/D	M	Raymond Sorensen'39	B-G2	
Dorothy Harper *	/'04	M'44	RevCharlesLikely/cf	B4G2	M-60yrs..314 961 0848..1024 Woodbine Dr, St Louis, MO
Earl Johnson	'05/'76	M	Kay Hand	B_G_	see page 78 --killed on Hwy 30 E of Boone, IA,
Darlene Morris	'87/'86	M'45	Luther'Luke' Beach	B-G2	
Ed'Glen'Sampson	/	M'48	Ethyleen Johnson/cf	B1G1	M-61yrs..515 382 4986..1836 8th St, Nevada, IA 52201
JeanneP.Stratton	/	M	2)Richard Painter/dv		515 246 9871..212 MercyPark#58,Des Moines, IA 50314
	/D	M	1)Loyd J.Miller		
Raymond Tendall	'58/D	M'46	Norma Kirby	B1G2	see page 78 --killed on the CNW train track in Nevada ,IA
Harold Tjelmeland'06/		M'45	Helen Vickers..G1..M-61yrs..Always farmed!Bought the Tjelmeland Family Farm in 1976		

X= some others classmates: Gerald Borwick[D], Kathryn Day[D], Robert Ersland[D'06]{M-Ila Dolph B3G2, Huxley, IA}, Beverly Haas[D], Juanita Allen{M-Julius'Jude'Johnson[D'09]}, Juella Allen{M-_____Clark}, Marvin Nelson[D].

1944 12= 8B & 4G

Supt B.G.Halverson	D/		No Principal		///see Gordon on page 208
Gordon E.Bivens # *	/	M'53	Muriel Collier	B3G1	M-56yrs..515 961 0894..802 Robin Glen, Indianiola, IA 50125
Betty Jean Burley	/'74	M'44	1)Cecil Henderson	B-G-	515 733 6844..709 Broad St, Unit#1, Story City, IA 50248
	/	M'77	2)Glenn Pfantz/dv'98		
Carl L. Buttry	'93/D	M'53	Doris Hansen	B1G-	
Russell M.Clark	D/'03	M'48	Dorothy'Mickey'Bailey/fs	B-G2	POW 816 228 9217..905 NE Locust Dr,BlueSprings,MO
Raymond L.Crowe	D/D	M	Helen _____		
Curtis E.Grimsley	D/D	M	Ruth Frieth		
Merril R.Johnson	'56/	M	_____ _____	C3	see page 78 --killed in car accident Hwy30.
Fred J.Matters	/	M'50	Lorine Rosewell	B1G2	515 252 7151..10620 Sharon Cir, Urbandale, IA 50322
Dorothy Mae Molde	/	M	Harlan Kreutner/dv		515 232 3806..3001RegencyApt201,Ames
Mary Alice Maxwell	/	M	_____ _____		
Marie G.Nassen *	/D	M	1)Lester Briker	B3	
	/'89	M	3)Mac McClain	B1G1	2)Lee Baker/dv
Marvin L.Sorensen	'52/–	S	single		see page 39 --Marvin 'Ole' was killed in single engine plane over farm

X= some other classmates: Carroll Arneson[D]{M-Deloris TjernagelD]}, Dorothy Bailey, Howard M.Johnson[D'08]{2) Loretta F.Shaver}{ 1) M'50 Pearl Abramson[D]B3G-} 515 752 8523..1412 S 6thSt, Marshalltown, IA, Russell E.Morfey['05]-single, Marilyn Smith [D'09]{M-Ray Lounsberry B2G1} 515 382 2329..64923 Lincoln Highway, Nevada, Iowa.

1945 8= 3B & 5G

Supt B.G.Halverson	D/–		No Principal		
Isabelle Brooks	/'96	M'46	Donald Hillis	B1G1	515 733 2271..526 Frette Dr, Story City, 50248
Clayton Clifford *	'09/	M'67	Martha Wirtz	B-G3.	525 233 8423..3909 Brookdale Crl, Ames
Madeline Huschka	D/D	M	Ben _____		
Katherine Olinger	'05/–	S	Single		l/k Teacher & she farmed in Fairchild,WI
Lois J.Sorenson	/'02	M'48	Juell R.Sandvold	B2G1	515 382 6349..820 L Av,Nevada, IA 50201
WallaceTjelmeland'98/		M	Norma Smith	B-G-	
Wesley Warren	'00/	M'52	Ruth Miller	B1G2	
Arlene Williams	/D	M	1)____Kienast/dv	2)____Strassburger	l/k in NH in Lexington,KY

In the fall of 1933 the Class of 1945, 26 students started first grade at Milford Twp, including graduates: Isabelle Brooks, Katherine Olinger, Lois Jean Sorensen, Wallace Tjelmeland, Wesley Warren and Arlene Williams. The other 2 grads joined later- Clayton Clifford 4 and Madeline Huschka 11. A total of 42 students experienced education at Milford, the others and their grade level/s were: Patty Allen1`, Lawrence Arneson 4-11[D'97], Doris Davis 3, Donald Day 3-11, Junior Durby 3-9 & 11, Anna Earwicker 1-3, Robert Eller 2-4, Elmer Farni 4-6, Melvin Finch 4, Jimmy Gilreath1, Roger Harper 1-2`, Betty and Marion Heintz 1, Cary Herndon 8, Anne B. Johnson1-8, , Evelyn Kaltenheuser l, June Kauwell 1-6, Robert Mathison 5, Donald Morfey 1`, Louise Morris 3-6 & 9-11{M'45 Charles Everette'Hook'McCoy D/ B4G1}, Stanley Olson 1-5, Mary1` and Peter Rasmusson 1-4, Carroll Green 1, Patricia1-4` & Robert Sandwick 4-5, Norma Seestrum 3, Malene Severtson 3-4, Howard Shively 1, Donald Smith 1-4, Richard Sorenson 1, Darrell Starbuck 1-7, Robert Watson 1-2`, Earl Weeks 1.

The teachers were: 1st Miss Crouch, 2nd Miss Gunderson, 3rd she & Mrs McCoy, 4-5th Miss Narland, 6th Mr Larson (who took kids to Veisha in his Model A), 7-8th Mr Lee (The class tried skipping school to go to Veisha by bikes & walking. Supt Halverson gave class a lecture & sent letters home to the parents.) 9th Halverson, Mr Lindberg, Miss Gore, Mrs Lee, Miss Bergland (Mixed chorus & the B & G glee clubs sang on the Ames & Marshalltown Radio Stations.) 10th Miss Switzer, Mrs Grout, Mrs Jorgenson, Mrs Oliver (no discipline in Mrs J's class. A beautiful Christmas program under Miss Olsons direction.) 11th Mrs Masson, Miss Olson, Miss Ringgenberg(Play- "The Neighbor Next Door", Skating Party at Carr's Roller Rink, Banquet at Sheldon Munn Hotel, Ames with Clay;ton as Toastmaster.)12th Halverson, Mrs Masson Mrs Ramsey Mrs McLanghlin(Teachers were all married for the first time.) (Play- "Growing Pains", Story Co Girls Basketball Consolation Trophy and Milford had a 1st Team All County Guard_??__ and 2nd Team All County Forward__??__. The class of 1945 probably had the most students attend Milford and provided the most interesting class history.

1946 11= 5B & 6G

Supt W. M. Swim	D/		No Principal		
Patty Allen	/'07	M'46	Loren Britson	B1G2	l/k in LTC home in Ames, IA
Ida Mae Bailey # **	/'03	M'49	Glen Nernes	B1G2	M-54yrs ..515 233 6904..409 24th St, Ames, IA 50010
Shirley Gardner *	/	M'50	Milo Bylund	B1G1	M-59yrs..712 563 2782.210 Oak St, Audubon, IA 50025
Barbara Hansen	'01/D	M	Ray Bartlett		
Roger Harper	/	M'48	Shirley M.Neeld	B1G3	M-61yrs.386 966 0843..209 S Palmnetto Av S Datona,FL
George'Lendell'Manley	/	M'64	Elizabeth Moreland		see page 41 ..360 253 4850..8807 NE 142 Av,Vancouver,WA
Margaret Matters	'00/D	M	Richard Stumbo	B2G1	
Donald Morfey	'69/	M	Waunita'Wanda'Kirby		Died in MN trench cave-in accident.
Loren Rierson	/	M	Kay Carsrud	B1G2	515 382 2596..60361 210th St, Nevada, IA 50201
Mavis Warren	/	M'55	Blanchard'Noel'Nelson	B-G3	M-54yrs.281 587 8332..4606 Christopher Pl, Houston,TX
Robert'Bob'Watson	/	so	so)Dee Munsey		928 763 6988..1939 Capistrano Ln, Bullh'd City, AZ
cell 515 451 8230	/	M	1)Lucille Clouser/dv	B3G2	

X= some other classmates: Lola Arneson[D'02]{Richard Bergeson[D'02] B3G2}, Arlene Erickson, Dean Haukoos, Loren Sampson[D], Darrell Starbuck[D'09]{M'48-____ B3, G2}, Marguerite Halverson {M-Bob Werner G2} in E Dubuque,IL. Some Teachers: 1st Florence Crouch, 2 Gunderson, 3 Miss Tiller, 4 MissNarland, 5 Miss Narlan, 6 Mr Lee, 7 Mr Lee, Mr Lindberg, Miss Lee, Miss Palmer, Mr Halverson, Mrs Lee, Miss Berglund and Miss Gore were the High School Faculty.

1947 9= 6B & 3/G

Supt William Swim	D/–		No Principal		
Millard Anderson	'85/D	M	Carol Darby		
Harriet P.Comfort	/	M'56	Chester'Chet'N.Whitmore	B1G3	M-53yrs 515-432 3514..229 MaEisenhower, Boone
Richard'Dick'Couser	/	M'52	Bertha'JoAnn'Anderson	B2G1	M-57yrs 515 382 4897..410 Lynne Dr, Nevada, IA
Joe Harper	/	M'50	Phyllis Roberson /T1949-'51.	B1G2	M-59yrs 515 377 2449..210 Oak St, Colo, IA50056
Stanley Sorem # **	'09/'95	M'50	Martha Weeks	B2G1	M-45yrs l/k in Mn
Richard Stevenson	/	M	2)Sally _____		916 408 3083..1843 Andover Ln, Lincoln, CA
	/dv	M	1)Barbara Johnson	B1G1	
DorothyJ.Tendall	/'77	M'50	Wendell Williams	B1G0	515 382 4273..315 'I' Ave, Nevada, IA 50201
Lola Mae Tjelmeland	/	M'53	Marley Anderson	B2G4	M-56yrs 515 382 4702..726 15th St, Nevada, IA
Kenneth'Ken'Watson*	/	M'52	PhyllisGardner'48	B2G2	M-57yrs 515 432 4939..1482 230th, Boone, IA

Some other classmates: Charles'Art' Cooling[D'00]{M'53 Esther DeWoody['07] B1G}

1948 7= 2B & 5G

Supt Wm'Bill'Swim	D/–		No Principal		
Bill Allen #	/	M	LaDonna Webb	B1G1	In LTC home in Ames, IA
Phyllis Gardner*	/	M'52	Kenneth E.Watson'47	B2G2	M-57yrs .515 432 4939..1482 230th St, Boone, IA
Marie Latham	D/'08	M'48	Ronald Gardner /fs..	B2G1	
Wanda Rierson	/D	M'58	Les Kephart	B1G1	949 675 2959..326 L St, Balboa, CA 92661
Joan Sorensen	'86/	M	Wm Bill Cody	B1G-	
Gloria Warren	/	M'52	James R.Grant	B1G2	M-57yrs 641 792 4371..323 S.5thAv,W,Newton,IA
Richard Warren**	/	M'52	Shirley West--see page 208--	B1G1	M-57yrs 515 232 2903..1525 Stone Brooke Rd, Ames

Some other classmates: Twins: Darol[D'96]{M'54-Joyce Kuhnle B2G1-4 generations of twins}& Garol Cooling{M-Ruth Jackson B1G5} 641 479 2552..HWY 30, LeGrand, IA 50142; Dorothy Murrow {M'51-Robert Gulling(M-58yrs) B2G1..515 967 3567..832 Lindsay Ct SW, Altoona, IA 5000, Harlan Nassen 1-11th 321 259 7354..1381 Bonaventure Dr, Suntree, FL

1949 4= All boys

Supt H.H.Harnack	D/		No Principal		
Merrill Anderson	'61/		_____ _____		Died of cancer in March, ISU granted his DVM degree.
Glen A. Brown*	/	M'50	Lois A Larson x'51	B-G3	M-59yrs..515 232 5994..2708 Pierce Av, Ames,IA50010
Charles H,Horness	/'06	M	2)Delores Renzi	B1G1	39 Common Wealth Blvd, New Castle, DE
	/D	M	1)June Reynolds		
Jack Morris#	'85/	M'52	Jimmie Spearman	B1G3	515 769 2433..1116 Ford St, Kelley, IA

In the fall of 1937 Glen and Charles started first grade at Milford Twp with Lowell Harper{M'48 Marcia E.Barnard B1G3} 712 799 4255..2141 1000th St, Harlan, IA 51531 and were the only two to go 1-12, Lowell left in 10th.Class records were not found, some others who attended with the Class of 1949: Rose Larson 10, Doris Moser {M'53-56yrs-Ronald 'Dean' Olson[D'09]B-G2}.515 232 5588..609 Luther Dr, Ames , IA 50010; Neta Musser-10, Walter Pritchard-9, Josephine Smith-10. The class history reported: Doris Moser –a leader with brilliance & friendliness. Cheerleaders:Rose, Merrill & Jack .

1950 9= 4B & 5G

Supt Larry Baldus	D/D		Prin Kathryn Boyd Larson		
Joan Cooper	/	M'50	Kermit Lenning	B1G3	M-59yrs 515 382 4042..1863 10th St, Nevada, IA 50201
LeRoy Gardner	/	M	Mary Jane Banks	B1G	828 649 2465..665 Walnut Creek Rd, Marshall, NC 28753
Rhoda Honderd	/	M'	Edward G.Nerem	B2G2	515 388 4762..209 N Vine St/POB 65, Roland, IA 50236
Alyce Matters	'99/	M'51	Paul Jensen	B1G2	
Eugene Mortvedt	D/	M	Kay Turner	B1G1	
Dan Needham	D/	M	_____ _____		
Richard A.Sorem#	'08/	M	Shirley A.Hobgood	B1G1	515 233 1795..215 S.Riverside Dr, Ames, IA 50010
Jaunita Warren	'04/	M'63	John Behm	B4G2	l/k in IL
Lois M.Warren	/	M	Richard Logan D/	B2G-	319 373 8191..2365 Winchester Dr, Marion, IA 52302

Class of 1950 started first grade at Milford Twp in 1938 with 23 students, including 3 cousins Joan Cooper, Lois & Jaunita Warren and Richard Sorem finish all 12 years together; along with others and their year/s: Rhoda Honderd 2-12, Dan 1-5 & 8-12, LeRoy & Alyce 7th and Eugene 10th for a total of 9 graduates. During the educational journey 35 attended, others not listed are: Jane Allen 1-10{M-___McCoy 559 322 5533..1542 E Alluvial #128, Fresno, CA 93720, Martha Baker 3-7, LaVonne Cooling 5-6, Gerald Dunlaney 1, Vernon Egland 1-10, Charles Hansen 1-2`, Raymond Hinton 5, Connie Jones 1-3, Naomi Jorgensen 7-9{M-Ross Weave}, Dorothy Olson 1-6{M-James'Jim'Christy B1G1 Story City}, Frances Pryor 3-6, Donette Rasmusson 1-5, Jimmy Rasmusson 1-4, Charles Rerabaugh 5-7, Mary Rierson 1-10{M-_Amick 702 364 2341..5062 S Hill Ln, LasVegas, NV 89113}, Dean Safly 1-11{Lorraine ____}, LeRoy & Shirley Smith 1-4, Arnold Sorenson 1-2, Delores Tjelmeland 1-11, Jr Thrasher 5-6, John Wakefield 1-4`, Harriet Warner 1-2, Patty Woods 1-4, Donald Zuminvalt 1-2.

1951 7= 6B & 1G

Supt Larry Baldus	D/D		Prin Wilma Haines		
Marvin'Dean'Crowe	/	M	1)Joyce McDuffie/dv	B3G1	515 232 1245..1420 Douglas, Ames, IA 50010
Jerry Jacobson	D/	M	_____ _____		
Robert Latham	'91/	M	_____ _____	B2G-	
Patsy Jane Manley	/	M'62	Frank Smith/dv'93	B-G1	801 544 2367..2597 Country Oaks Dr, Layton, UT 84040
Larry Roberts	/	M	2) Barbara _____		314 497 4704.68 Bettlestone Hill Rd, Battleboro,Vt 05362
	/'85	M'53	1) Frances Robertson	B2G2	
John E,Wakefield #	/	M	Anne C Allen'52	B2G1	382 6731..542 Hickory Pl,Nevada,IA
Robert'Bob'Williams/		M'53	Regina Hall	B2G2	515 382 4416.. Nevada,IA50201

The Class of 1951 started first grade at Milford Twp in 1939 with 14 students, including three Roberts graduates; Latham, Williams and Larry Roberts, the other graduates and their level/s were: Jerry and Patsy Jane both 3rd, John 4, Marvin'Dean' 7. A total of 25 attended Milford class: James Allen 1-8, Earl & Eldon Cassidy 7, Robert Day l-5, Roger Deal 1-2{M'58-Margaret Patterson B-G1}, Franklin Egland 1-9{M-Barbara Hayes 269 968 2895..203 Edgehill Dr,Battle Creek,MI}, Barbara & Robert Fry 1-3, Chuck Hansen 5, Mary Harper 1-8{M-Rev Gene A.Lackore B1G4 M'54.532 Greencroft Pkwy, Middlebur 46540}, Connie Jones 4-5, Lois Larson 9-11, John Musser 6, Jimmy 4-5&Joel 1-5 Rasmusson, Earl Smith 5-7, Deloris Tiel?, Wayne Tjelmeland`, Delores Wilson 1-8.The teachers were: 1-Miss Charlson, 2-Miss Houser, 3-Ford, 4-Mrs Nelson, 5 Miss Myers, Mrs Smith, 7-8 Mrs Petersen.

1952 7= 3B & 4G

Supt Larry Baldus	D/		No Principal		
Anne Allen	/	M	John Wakefield'51	B2G1	515 382 6731..542 Hickory Pl, Nevada, IA 50201
Florine M.Borton**'03/		M'54	Merrill D.Smalley,Atty	B3G1	l/k in North Liberty, IA
Alice Grindem *	/	M'55	Dr Gerald PetersenT	B2G1	913 491 3799.12412 Russell St, Overland Park, KS 66209
Rodney G. Hansen	/	M'84	2)SueA.Peterson Pierce		515 233 4754..2630 Kellogg Av, Ames, 50010
		M	1)Helen _____/dv	B1G1	
Roy Hartman	D/	M	Jackie _____/dv		l/k in Garwin, IA
Arthur'Art'Sorem #	/'01	M	Delores'Dee'Machskill	B1G1	515 733 1218..916 Elm Av, Story City, IA 50248
Donna Rae Steward	/'98	M'57	Martin Jacobs	B4G-	515 733 2478. 15385 Pleasant Valley Dr Story City IA

In the Fall of 1940 the Class of 1952 started first grade with 10 in first grade at Milford Twp and only Anne Allen graduated; Ella Mae Durby, Eldie Hinton & Leon Mucklebust left before second grade. The other grads and when they joined were: Donna Rae 2, Rodney 4, Art 5, Florine 6, Alice and Roy 8. A total of 28 students were in the class, the others and their level/s of attendance were: Larry Boten 1-5, John Danielson 1-5, Patricia Day 1-5, Opal Durby 1-2, John Finch 1-3, Loren Olson 1-4, Bonny Rierson 1-10 {M-1)Merle Hansen D 2)JimE.Schoolmeester} 970 669 2453..2708 Virginia Dr Loveland, CO 80538, John Dial 2-5, Wayne Tjelemland 2-10{M-Mary Ann Twedt}, Vernon Cooling 3-4, Frances Breezley 4-6, Norma Jean Gardner 4-10 {M'53-HowardJacobsen[D'88]B1G1}1532 DayAv#C,SanMateo,CA 54403, Charles Hansen 4-7, Donald Smith 4-6, Dale Young 4-7, Lucille Pritchard 5, John Musser 6, Bonny Rierson 6-10, Norman Rooker 11.

1953 6= 4B & 2G

Supt Erving J.Hauswirth			Prin Earl H. Brott		
Norman Hauswirth	/		_____ _____		
Helen Horness	/	M	Frank Uballe,dv	B1G4	515 974 7755..602 W BuchananSt, Winterset,IA 50278
Marlene Jacobson	?/	M	_____ Ball		
E. Junior Kuhns	/	M'54	Margaret Thompson'54	B1G2	480 854 8646..3020 E Main #125, Mesa, AZ
Richard'Dick'Roberts	/	M'77.2)	Barbara Martini	B-G2	218 675 6371..25 Little Green Crl, Sadona, AZ 86351
	/'75	M'57.1)	Alice Hansen'55	B1G1	
Dick Thompson	/	M	Mary Kemmer		l/k to be in Mesa, AZ

When The Class of 1953 started first grade at Milford Twp in 1941 the class included: Helen, Marlene, Richard and Dick who then graduated together at Milford Twp, only two other joined them: Junior Kuhns as a Junior and Norman Hauswirth his Senior year. Few others experienced education with the class: Norman Hughes 1-3, James Olson 1-3, Class picture were printed in the annuals between 1949 and 1961. Some classes had class historys in those, 1953 did not.

1954 10= 6B & 4G

Supt Erving J.Hauswirth			Prin Harlan Metcalf		
Doradene Brodie	/	M	ClarionN.Thompson'54	B1G1	515 733 5057.1272 Edgebrook, StoryCity IA 50248
Marlin Jorgensen	/	M	1) Sanya dv/re M'00	B1G1	515 233 9077.188 FountainView Dr, Ames IA 50010
	/	M'88	2) JoyBeckerChoat/dv'94		
Hugh'Fritz'H.Morris	/	M	PhyllisW.Wilson	B2G-	423 753 0931..186 Kasper Edwards Rd,Telford,TN 37690
Fred Neasham	/	M	Patricia _____	B1G1	602 888 8404..1051 Rodda River Pl, Tucson, AZ 85718

Forrest Petrus	/	M'57	Barbara Thomas	B1G2	515 232 0056..111 Jewel Dr,Ames,IA 50010	
Arlene J. Steward	/	M'58	Gerald J.Hertz	B2G-	515 276 1155..6800 NW 57th St Johnston, IA 50131	
Raymond L.Thomas	/	M'57	BarbaraJ.Valline	B-G4	515 382 4527..1600 F Av, Nevada, IA 50201	
ClarionNThompson #	/	M'57	Doradene Brodie'54	B1G1	515 733-5057..1272 Edgebrook, Story City IA 50248	
Margaret Thompson	/	M'54	Junior Kuhns'53	B1G2	484 854 8648..3020 E Main, #125 Mesa,AZ	
Ruth Elaine Warren	/'04	M	Curtis Paulson	B3G-	219 866 7844..900 Winding Rd, Rensselaer, IN 4797	

In August of 1942 The Class of 1954 started first grade at Milford Twp with 6 of the graduation class: Doradene, Fritz, Fred, Arlene, Clarion and Ruth; later the other grads joined: Ray 3-12, Marlin 3-8&9-12, Margaret 4-12, Forrest 11-12. The others a total of 28 and the level/s they experienced were: Mary Adams 5-6, Dorothy Allen 1-5, Judy Barker 1-3, Jimmie Ball ?, Vernon Breer 5-6, Shirley Breezley 2-3, Patty Brown ?, David Chamberlain 2-3, Dale Cooling 1-2, Eldon Guge ?, Karel Harper 1-5 {M'57-Dr Jerry Hedrick B2G2} 25280 Carlsbad Av, Davis, CA 59616, Paul Haugen 1-3, Marilyn Haukoos 1-3&6, Patricia Jones 1-2, Shirley Jones 9, Marvin Kuhn 1-2, Evelyn Larson 9, Carroll Rierson 1-7. The teachers were: 1-Miss Chapell, 2-Miss Snider, 3-4 Mrs Gilreath, 5-6 Mrs Claude Smith, 7-8 Mrs Petersen.

1955 7= 2B & 4G

Supt Keith D.Hopkins	D'00		Prin Ev Cochrane D'04		(Marge Cochrane 515 294 2444..Marigold Dr. Ames, IA 50014)	
David Allen	'07/		so)Doris Bennett		515 465 3004..1008 Dewey St, Perry, IA 50220	
	/	M	2)Francine Scudder/dv	B1G-		
Alice Marie Hansen**	'75/	M	Richard Roberts'53	B1G1	l/k in Ames, IA	
Elizabeth Haugland	'85/	M	Forrest Buck	B-G3	l/k	
Dale Servigna Hughes	/	M'75	Sharon Rood/dv'85	B1G3	515 451 7275. 18316-600Ave, Nevada Iowa 50201	
Shirley Marie Molde #	/	M	Joe Jensen /dv	B3G-	303 995 7248..3601 S. Dallas St #211, Aurora, CO 80014	
Georgia MarieRoberts*	/	M'57	Richard'Dick'Pierson	B 3G1	M-52yrs..830 285 2793..Kerrville, TX..Randall,IA 50231	
Donna Marie Sorem	/	M	Wm'Bill' Woods	B G	303 816 7004..POB 101, Shawnee, CO 80475	

On August 30, 1943, the entire Class of 1955, ALL 7 graduates, started first grade at Milford Twp with a total of 17 students in the first year. The balance of a total of 20 students and the grade level/s they shared were Mary Boten 1-2{M'56-David Twedt B G} 641 792 7466..612 S 5th Av W, Newton, IA, Dale Carsrud 8-10..712 330 1744, 215 N Power #245, AZ, Lloyd Cooling 1, Judy Cook 1, Janet Day 1-2, Wilbert Hadley 1`, Beverly Jacobson 1-4 &7-9, Joan Latham 1`, Larry Miller 3-4, Marilyn Ringgenberg 1, Jimmy Rorabaugh 1, Everett Thrasher 1 and Gary Tjelmeland 1-6 [D'07]{M-Janet/D'96 G2}, Merna Walston 2-3. The teachers were: 1-Miss Snyder, 2-Mrs Sorensen, 3-Mrs Gilreath, 4-Mrs Garvin, 5-Mrs Claude Smith, 6-Mrs Everett, 7-8 Mrs Jessie Petersen.

1956 11= 8 B & 3 G

Supt Keith D.Hopkins	D'00		Prin Ev Cochrane D'04		(Colleen Hopkins515 964 3217..235 SE Lowell Dr, Ankeny, IA)	
Jack Allen	/		____ _____ /dv			
Jurine Maurie Borton #	/	M'61	F.R,Moore M61/dv'77	B-G1 F7	319 361 3300..1470 Cherokee Dr, Marion, Iowa 52302	
Duane Brodie	/	M'57	Barbara Sorem'57	B3 G1	515 232 0817..1021 Hunziker Dr, Ames, IA 50010	
Wilbert Hadley	/	M'70	Joyce Hornbacker	B1G-	515 382 2463..58933 200th St, Nevada, IA 50201	
Irene Hodgson	/	M	2) Wm'Bill'Howard	B2G1	515 382 4667..25060 Myerwood Dr, Nevada, IA 50201	
	/	M'56	1) Don Pierce/dv	B2G1		
Hazel Mae Horness	/	M'62	James Jessen/dv	B4G2	515 462 6939..602 W Buchanan, Winterset, IA 50273	
Loyd Hughes	'98/	M'64	Loretta'Lori' Hoberland	B1G1	A CENTURY Farm.388 4490..11655 580th Av, Ames, IA10	
Larry W.Miller *	/	M'63	Shirley A.Keely	B3G1	515 984 9443..535 W Trace Dr, Polk City, IA 50226	
Edwin Needham	'08/	M	Lil _____	B2G1	l/k in San Marcos Texas	
Vernon Olson **	/	M	Sandra Mortvedt'57	B-G2	712 623 2784..704 Highland, Red Oak, IA 51566	
Ronald'Ron'Otto	/	M'58	Sandra Stahlman	B2G1	515 382 2259..829 5th St, Nevada, IA 50201	

In the fall of 1944, the Class of 1956 started first grade at Milford Twp with 13 students, including: Duane, Wilbert, Hazel and Loyd, others graduates joined later- Ed 2; Jurine & Ron both 3rd; Larry 7, Jack 8, Vernon 9, & Irene 10th grade. A total of 27 students experienced education together, the others and their grade level/s were: Janice Alfred 1st; Doretta Blaney 1st; Wilma Breer 4-7; Ronald Breezley 1-2; Glen Chamberlain 1st; Max Christian 1-3; Larry Crum 2-4; Karen Danielson 1st,{ M Dan Jensen B3 G1}; Galen French 3-4; Earl Jones Airhart 7-8[D3/07]; Alice Knutson 1-7; Joan Latham 1-7,{_Allard [D]}; Shirley Meyer 9-11{M'56-Loren Hovland B1G2..712 336 4524..15841 Furman Rd, Spirit Lake, IA 5126}; Edgar Musser 2-3; Richard Neasham1-2; ShirleyPauley 6-8,{1)Clyde Ball dv, 2)John Krahacker D; 3)Leon Ishmael}515 377 2444/641 520 7959. The teachers were: 1-2 Mrs Sorensen, 3-4 Mrs Garvin, 5-Mrs Claude Smith, Mrs Gilreath & Mrs Everett, 7-8 Mrs Jessie Petersen, HS Mr Brott, Beasmore, Cochrane, Mrs Sandell, Voigt, Schindler.

1957 12= 8B & 4G

Supt Keith D.Hopkins	D'01		Prin Lou Schrader D			
Neil Archer			Carol _____			
Arthur'Art'Borton	/	M'70	2)Donna Cummings	B3G1	515 382 6378..120 8th St, Nevada, IA 50201	
	/'69	M'59	1)Janice Radiabaugh'61	B1G1		
Peter Hadley	/	M	Suzanne Buchanan	B1G1	612 644 2963..15730 9th Av N, Plymouth, MN 55447	
Norman Honderd	/	M	Fran Jelinek	B1G2	515 964 5428..405 NW Applewood St, Ankeny, IA50023	
Robert Jacobson	/	M'72	Sharon Eitmann	B1G1	515 388 4528..16465 585th Av Story City, IA 50248	
Judith Jorgensen	/	M'02	3)Orlene Egeland		515 836 4743..3245 370th St, Story City, IA 50248	
	/D	M	2)John Charlier	1)Richard Sowers/dv	B1G1	
Marlene Morfey #	/'08	M'61	Dave Carleton	B4G-	503 842 8681..802 Ash Av, Tillamook, OR 97141	
Sandra Mortvedt	/	M	Vernon Olson'56	B-G2	712 623 2784..1704 Highland, Red Oak, IA 51566	
Barbara Sorem	/	M'57	Duane Brodie'56	B3G1	515 232 0817..1021 Hunziker Dr, Ames, IA 50010	
Jimmie D.Thompson	/	M'62	Nancy Freel	B1G1	515 233 1837..19516 515 Av, Ames, IA 50010	
Wm.'Bill' Thompson	/	M'67	Judy LeClair	B-G-	515 232 0920..917 Top O Hollow Rd, Ames, IA 50010	
Alan Twedt	'02/	M'65	Myrna Mulleneaux	B-G1	319 373 7605..3030 Primrose St, Marion, IA 52302	

In the fall of 1945 the Class of 1957 started first grade at Milford Twp with 11 students, including 8 graduates: Peter, Norman, Robert, Judith, Marlene, Barbara, Bill and Alan; four grads joined later: Art 2, Sandra 3, Jimmy 8 and Neil 12. A total of 34 shared the Milford Twp educational experience together, the others and their level/s were: Janet Alfred 1, Janet Anderson 4 & 9-10, Jerry {M-Katherine Barns} & Robert Baldus 5-7{M-Jane Ryan}, Paul Borts 3&5, Wilbur Breer 3-6, Sherrill French 2-3, Spencer Harnack 4, Donald Murrow 1-3, Paul Nassen 1-2, Richard'Dick'Neasham 1-9 {M-Susan}, Earl Otto 2-3`, Kenneth Poush 1-3, Patty PeLong 3, Louise Rooker 5-6, Eleanor Thompson 1-3, Rex Smith 7, Dorothy Sodders 7-9, Dale Swan 5-7, Barbara Swim 1-3{M'62-Bill Brousard B2}319 396 6057..711 Stone Hedge Crt NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405, Maxine Webster 4-5 & 8, Howard Wrench 1. The teachers were: 1- Mrs Sorersen, 2-Mrs Hauser, 3-4 Mrs Garvin, 5-6 Mrs Wayne Smith, 7-8 Mrs Sophes Petersen, Mr Cochrane, Schrader, Mrs Sandell, Voigt, Schindler.

1958 10= 4 B & 6G

Supt C.P.Thompson	D		Prin Lou Schrader		//8288358375	
Eddie Allen	/	M	Sandra'Sandi'Nelson'59	B2	POB 202, Marble, NC--POB 263 Cedar Key, FL	
Shirley Groomes #**	/	M	Vernon Bauge	B-G-	515 597 2546..303 West 1st St, Huxley 50124	
Patricia Haugland	/	M	2)Don Cirksena		2316 49th St Place, Urbandale, IA 50310	
	/	M'61	1)James'Larry'Sweeney/dv'87.	B1G1		
Marcia Jacobson	'00/	M	Carlos Lovetinsky	B2G2		
Charles F. Larson	/	M	2)Mary _____		515 232 4480..1422 Ridgewood, Ames, IA 50010	
	/	M'59	1)Sharyl Buchanan'59/dv	B1G1		
Earl M.Otto	/	M'58	Doris C, Pauley'58	B2G4	641 377 2494. 609 4th Box 37, Colo, IA 50056	
Doris C, Pauley	/	M'58	Earl M. Otto'58	B2G1	M-51yrs 641 377 2494. 609 4th Box 37, Colo, IA 50056	
JanetC.Rasmusson *	/	M	Dennis Larson	B-G3	712 845 2297..5070 355th Av, Laurens, IA 50554	
Rita L.Thomas **	/'08	M	Prof John E. Gonser	B-G5	360 683 5126..150 Simpson Rd, Sequim, WA 98382	
Roger Thompson	/	M	1)_____ _____ /dv	B2G-	l/k in Belleview Neb	
	/	M	2)Cindy _____	B-G1		

In the fall of 1946, the Class of 1958 began first grade at Milford Twp. No senior class history available and the annuals had group room pictures until 2 grade in 1955. Some school mates that shared education experiences were: Jack Neasham, Dennis Satre, Charles Sodders, Joan Anderson, Ila McKeever, Lynnette Upchurch, Ralph & Myrna Machlan, Karen Herrick. The known other class mates and grade level/s: Bill Hodgson 8-10. Jerry Hill 11. Teachers= 1-2 Hauser, 3-4 Robinson/ Joe Harper '47, 5-6 Mrs Wayne Smith, 7-8 Mrs Jessie Petersen.

1959 11= 5 B & 6G

Supt C.P.Thompson	D/		Prin Rodger Pitstick			
Dr David Bhend *	D/	M	Patricia _____	B4G-		
Jerry Book	/	M	Doris Herington	B1--	641 862 4479..22868 530th St, Chariton, IA	
Sharyl Ann Buchanan	/	M'59	Charles Larson'58/dv	B1G1	515 232 2609..1823Douglas Av, Ames , IA 50010	
Julie Anne Cox #	'97/	M'88	2)Don Todd		Learning Disabilities Teacher, died of an Aneurysm @ 55	
	'97/	M	1)Jack Peterson/dv	B1G1		
Geraldine Fitzgerald	/	M	Earl Dobb	B-G2	563 285 8943..205 S.Tombergs Dr, Eldridge, IA 52748	
Norene Muriel Hughes**		M	Bob Thieme/dv	B-G-	3601 Lawton Av, Apt#1, Austin, TX 78731	
Dr Wm C.Jacobson	/	M	Mary Jane McCall	B1G1	319 286 0076..811 Beaver Ridge Crt, Cedar Rapids, IA	
Connie Petersen	/	M	Steve Safly/dv	B2G-	515 233 2202..2617 Kingston Dr, Ames, IA 50010	
Nadine Safly	/	M	Bob Christianson	B2G-	425 413 4814..20330 231 Av SE, Maple Valley, WA	
Ronald C. Strother	/	M'64	Bobbi Ramsey	B1G-	515 964 3196..813 SE 4th, Ankeny, IA 50049	
Richard Thompson	/	M	Carole Kelly	B-G-	8/66 Taylors Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland 3, NZ	

In the fall of 1947 the Class of 1959 began first grade at Milford Twp. There was no senior class history and annuals had group -2 grades-room pictures until 1955, some school mates that shared education experiences are listed above in the 1958 notes. The known other class mates and grade level/s: Joan Anderson 7-8, Barb Coy 8-9, Bill Hodgson 7-8, Karen Herrich3, Dixie Louks 2{1)M-Bill Fink[D] 2) M-Roger Honold515 986 2974 Grimes,IA}, Myrna and Ralph Machlan 3, Jack Neasham, Sandra'Sandi'Nelson 1-10{M-Eddie Allen'58 B2 A Commissioned Artist 6 mo in FL and 6 mo in NC}, Joan Petrone, Dennis Satre 4, John Shold {M-Joan Egertsen B2 515 388 4081..15497 620th Av, Roland, IA 50236}, Charles Sodders 7-8, Dick Swan 4, Bill Swim{M-Margo At least 26 students shared the experience (No class history). Some teachers: 1 Hauser, 2 Jacobson, 3-4 Phylis Harper (Joe '47), 5-6 Doolittle, 7-8 Jessie Petersen, HS: Cochrane, Hopkins, Sandell, Voigt.

1960 9= 5B & 4G

Supt C.P.Thompson	D/		Prin Johanne Finch			
Douglas Brooks #	/	M	Marlys Groomes		515 523 1984..607 NE Second St, Stuart, IA 50256	
William Fuss	/	M	2)Kathryn Hey, 1)O'Dessy		715-276 6745..13875 Section 4 Ln #NN, Mountain, WI 54149	
Gwendolyn Jacobson	/	M	Max Lowe	B-G2	319 268 1235..2318 Minnetonka Dr, Cedar Falls, IA 50613	
Betty Otto	/	M	Norman Huntrods	B2G-	641 377 2712..19742 677th Av, Nevada, IA 50201	
Ronald Pauley	/	M'63	Mary Olinger'62/fs	B3G-	706 882 2120..311 Cheyanne Dr, LaGrange, GA 30240	
Ronald Rasmusson	/	M	Wanda Strum/dv		602 789 6389..17663 N.Lindner Dr,Glendale, AZ 85308	
Janet Simonsen	/	M	2)_____ Robey/dv	B1G-		
	/	M	1)_____ _____ /dv			
Janet L,Sorensen	/	M	John Schneider	B2G-	630 985 2234. 2919 Crabtree Av, Woodridge, IL 60517	
Larry Thompson	/	M	Connie	B	843 705 9677..100 Thomas Bee Dr, Bluffton, SC 21904	

In the fall of 1948 all of the Class of 1960 started first grade at Milford Twp together except Ron Pauley who entered in 2nd and William and Larry both in 10th. A total of 25 students shared the experience, the others and their grade level's were: Jerry Boone 1, Jerry Breer 1, John Grindem 1`, Janet Hansen 1-9{M-Robert P. Collins B-G2}641 377 2226..24253 680th Av, Colo, IA 50056; Nancy Larson 1-3, Linda Louks 1, Ron Sorem 1`, Keith Tjelmeland 1, Leigh Upchurch 1-5, Darrell Vanderflute 1-7, Mary Kay Baldus 2-4, Betty Bomberger 3, John Shold 3-7, Raymond Peterson 4, Fred Thompson 6-8, Janice Radabaugh 8-11. Their teachers were: 1-Hauser &Jacobson-2, 3-Mrs Joe Harper, 4-Mrs Gilreath, 5-6-McFarland, 7-8 Petersen.

NO CLASS HISTORIES were available after 1960, the pictures in the annuals were used to access the following:

1961 7= 5 B & 2G The Last Graduation Class for Milford Twp.

Supt C.P.Thompson	D/		Prin Johanne Finch			
JaniceRadabaugh	Borton'69	M59	Art Borton'57	B1G1	l/k on farm N of Nevada	
Dick Coy	/	M	Camilla _____	B2G	319 346 1918..1010 Pleasant Dr, Parkesburg, IA50665	
John R. Grindem	/	M'61	Dixie L.Thomas'61	B2G1	580 920 0189..235 Bayview Dr, Mead, OK 73449	
Steven Jacobson *	/	M	Bonnie _____	B1	505 294 0192..1421 Marcella NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112	
Dale Petrus #	/	M	Susan Fuhrman	B3G1	61343 Wecoma Crt, Bend, OR 97702	
Ronald Sorem	/	M	Sherianne Weave	B-G-	515 382 6095..720 13th St Nevada, Iowa 50201	
Dixie L. Thomas **	/	M'61	John R. Grindem'61	B2G1	580 920 0189..235 Bayview Dr. Mead, OK 73449	

In 1949, the Class of 1961 had thirteen first graders, including John, Ronald and Dixie, started school at Milford Twp; Dick and Dale both joined in 5th and Janice as a senior. A total of 28 students attended Milford Twp with the Class of '61. The others and their grade levels/s: Robert Anderson 1-3, Dennis Book 1-8 {M-Vanesa, 608 532 6273, 5970 Valley Rd, Avoca, WI 53506}; Ralph Clark 1, Julie Herrick 1, Bernita Jacobson 1-10(taught at SW MO State)[D'69]. Bobby Knutson1, Carol Jean Machlan 1, Diane Neasham 1-5, Ronald Olson 1, Junior Schlarb 1. Others joined Helen Arnold 6, Jerry Breer 2, Ron Coy 5-10, Joyce Gee 11, Virginia Fuss 11, Gary Hauswirth 5-6, Phillip Kuhns 2, David Maland 7, JoAnne Petrone 7, Jenne Purish 10, Clayton Rullestad 5-9, James Sodders 5. Teachers, 1-2 Jacobson, 3-4 Gilreath, 5-6 Doolittle, 7-8 Petersen.

1962: The Class of 1962 started first grade in the fall of 1950 with 27 students. The students and their level/s: Larry Brown 1, Connie Brooks 1-11, Gary Brooks 1-11, Linda Brooks 1-4 left with Rheumatic Fever, Stephen Brooks 1`,Linda Carsrud 1-7, Janette Corbin 1, Dean Dawson 1-4, Sharon Frisbie1-2, Perry Frey 1-6, Margaret Haugland 1-11, Roger and DeAnn Hill 1, Maxine Horness 1-11[D'05]{M-Gary Stratton/fs}, Larry'Skippy'Hubbard 1`, Albert and Sandra Link 1-4, Carol Machlan 1, Geraldine Pauley 1-2&11, Karen Petersen 1-11, Rita Reinhart 1-11, Gene Roberts 1-11, Sandra Sorem 1-11, Bruce Strother 1-11, Ronnie Swan 1, Arlen Twedt 1-11, Steven Waugh 1-11, Robert Anderson 4-5, Gary Archer 7, Jimmy Hill 7, Maurine Huntley 3-6, Phillip Kuhns 2-7 &11, Jerry White 2-3. A total of 34 student. This is the first class to merge with Nevada, but Steven Waugh chose Roland. The students listed below were the first class to graduate with Nevada:

Connie Brooks	/	M	Steve Pierce/dv	B-G2	515 987 4624..PO Box 333, Waukee, IA 50263
Gary Brooks	/	M'69	Janet L Field	B2	803 831 9496..29 Raven Glass Lane, Bluffton, SC 29909
Linda Carsrud	/	M'63	Dean Griffith	B2	515 382 2789..227 R Av, Nevada, IA 50201
Margaret Haugland	/	M			
Maxine Horness	'05/	M	Gary Stratton	B2G2	319 988 4368 ..416 4th St, POB692, Hudson, IA 50643
Phillip Kuhns	/	M			
Geri Pauley	/D	M	Rick Biederman	B1G1	515 274 1223..620 Linnwill Place,W DesMoines IA 50265
Karen Petersen	/	M	____ Willson	B1G1	515 232 0036..302 School St, Gilbert, IA 50105
Rita Reinhart	/	M			
Gene Roberts	/	M	Kathy Watson	B_G_	515 232 4456..56841 170th St, Ames, IA 50010
Sandra Sorem	/	M			
Bruce Strother	/	M'64	Karen Thompson	B1G1	847 382 1362..247 Woodland, Barrington, IL
Arlen Twedt	/	M	Asta	B_G_	515 963 4160..509 NE Stone Valley Dr, Ankeny, IA 50021
Steven Waugh	/	M	Lori	B-G1	410 329 3989..70 Far Corners Loop, POB834 Sparks, MD21152

1963: The Class of 1963 started first grade in the fall of 1951 with 10 students: Stephen Brooks 1-10, Jeanette Corbin1, Larry Donaldson 1&7-9, Frederick Eller 1-5 [D'88], Karen Frisbie 1, Leslie Frey 1-5, Linda Hughes 1-10{M Ron Meyers B2}515 733 4577, 56311 150th St, Story City, IA}, Larry 'Skippy' Hubbard 1-4, Billy Peterson 1, Larry Wakefield 1-2. A total of 25 attended Milford Twp through the 10th grade, the others were: Sharon Archer 6, LeAnn Bates 7-8, Michael Blair 9, Linda Brooks 4-9{M-Gary Henderson B2 G1}515 228 3432, 50948 Whisper Lane Slater, IA}, James Cooper 1-10, Steven Culley 8, Judy Dexter 5, Ida Mae Fuss 7-9, Douglas Gilreath 7-8, Robin Hopkins 4-6, Bill Petrone 5, Don Radabaugh 6-9, Judy Risdal 9-10, Judy Thomsen 5-10, Clare Twedt 6, Carolyn VanZee 9-10 {M'68-Daniel Eggers }

1964: The Class of 1964 started first grade in the fall of 1952 with 18 students; Lois Jean Boeke 1-4, Loren Book 1-9, Mark Danielson 1-9, Arlin Egland 1-3, Frederick Eller 1-9, Cynthia Haugland 1-9, Lynn Marie Jacobson 1-3, Sandra Martindate 1-2, Mary Ann Neasham 1-2, Sharon Nelson 1-9 {M-Brown, David Otto 1(he got Polio in Sept,had to drop out), Gary Petrus 1-9{M Margo}, Marcia Rasmusson 1-9{M'71-Walt Neighbour 515 964 0441, Ankeny}, David Shold 1-3{Single. 515 388 4704 Roland farmer}; John Sodders 1-2, Dale Sorem 1-9, Karen Sorensen 1-9, Dennis Twedt 1-9 . A Total of 34 attended Milford Twp through the 9th grade, the others were: Dorothy Anderson 6-9, John Arnold 3, Archie Bishop 8-9, Janice Baylor 3, Fred Coy 2-3`, Carol Fry 8-9, Rick Hodgson 2-4 [D'04] {M'67 Donna Halberstadt}, Kenneth Huntley 2-4, Billy Peterson 5-6`, Bob Rankin, Steven Risdal 8-9, Daphne Stone 7-9, Karen Thompson 6-9{M'69-Bruce Strother'62 B1G1 847 382 1362, 247 Woodland, Barrington, IL}, Sharon Thompson 4-8, Wayne S.Tjernagel 8-9{M-Susan A. 319 635 2759, Fairbank,IA}, Larry Wakefield 2-6', Wayne Wierson 7-9.

1965: The Class of 1965 started school on Jan 5, 1953 as Milford Twp's first Kindergarten with 17 students,: David Book K-8, Delores Brooks K-8, Dennis Brooks K-8, Ronald Brooks K-7/8?, David Christy K-3, Kathyrn Ann Egland K-2{M-Chuck Bailey, Ames}, Marjorie Fitzgerald K-8, Kathleen 'Kat' Haugland K-8 {M-Dennis C.Tichenor 515 382 2670, Nevada, Virgil Horness K-6[D'05]{M Janice Markworth, Roland}, Roger Larsen K-8, Lynn Link K-1, Ronald McVey K-8, Virginia 'Peggy' Purvis K-6, Ruth Reinhardt K-8, Marvin Smith III K-8[D'02]{M-Audi B2G2, Ames}, LaVerne Eugene Thompson K-8, Linda Wakefield K-8. A total of 37 attended Milford Twp through the 8th grade, they were: Linda Arnold 2, Fred Coy 3-8, Sally Coy 1-8, George Culley 6, Michael Dexter 3, Merlin Dunahoo 2, Mike Fry 8, Michael Hopkins 2-4 M-Jackie 515 277 5989}, Kristine Link 1-4, John Miller 7, Helen Osborne 3-4, David Otto 1-3`, Billy Peterson 6, Kenneth Petrone 3, John Pollack 7, Marcene Sandvick 8, Robert Thomsen 3-8, Roger VanZee 7-8, Larry Wakefield 6-8, Eugene Welsh 3. The teachers were: K-Donnielson, 1-Mary Harper, 2-Anna Johnson, 3-Doris Denny, 4-Wilson, 5-6 Doolittle, 7-8 Petersen. Milford Twp's last 8th grade.

1966: The Class of 1966 started with school on Jan.18, 1954 at Milford Twp with 10 Kindergartners: Diane Anderson K-1, Alan Christy K-2, Kathy Frisbie K, Barbara Jacobson K-7, Kathryn Jacobson K-7 {M'68-Steve Fuller, B2, Waterloo}, Stephen Nelson K-6, Dennis Otto K`, Larry Sorensen K-4`, John Twedt K-7, Owen Twedt K-7 {M-Jill _____515 964 9294, Ankeny. A total of 27 attended Milford Twp through the 7th grade, the others were: Barbara and Jean Baker 7, Madline Carroll 5-6, Steven Eyanson 5, Jimmy Glenn 1, Donald & Ronald Gloshen 7, Helen Osborn 4-5, David Otto 3-7{M-Kathy}, Darrell Thompson 1-2, Sandra Thompson 2`, Stephen Thompson 2, Sherry Tjelmeland 3-7, Nancy Tye 5-6, Joanne Welsh 2, Margaret Wierson 5-7, Tommy Winger 6-7. The teacher were K-Mary Allen, 1st Anna Johnson, 2nd Cecelia Martin, 3rd Mary Maahs, 4th____??, 5th & 6th Doolittle, Jr Hi Jessie Petersen. The 1966 class the last 7th grade class at Milford Twp.

1967: The Class of 1967 started school at Milford Twp with 22 Kindergartners on Jan 17, 1955: David Brooks K-6, Carolyn Christy K-1, Sydney Cooper K-6, Michael Coy K-1`, Ann Danielson K-6{___ Gramlich}, Bruce Eller K-6, Kinda_____ Hubbard K, Karen Hughes K-6{M-Charlie Witzleben 919 493 9178, Durham, NC}, Steven Jacobson K, Mary Kay Larson K-4, Becky Link K-2/3, Nancy Mathiason K-4, Dennis McVey K-2`, Dennis Otto K-3`, Vicki Ann Petersen K-6{M-Rob Albers}, Tommy Purves K-3, Merrie Lynn Smith K-4 & 6, Richard Stevenson K [D'____ ], Vicki Tendall K-6, Sharon Thompson K-2, Susan 'Candy' Thomsen K-6, Dean Twedt K-6 {M-Cathy Williams, G1, 304 743 6536, Milton, WV}, Billy Wakefield K-3`, Sally Williams K-2. A total of 34? attended Milford Twp through the 6th grade, the others were Ralph Dady 5, Steven Dexter 1, Dick Fry 5-6, Vicki Hall 5-6, Larry Sorensen 4-6 {M-Tammi, B1G2, 6 Foster Children, 515 290 7524, farms in Milford Twp, Nevada}, Linda Sorensen 3-6, Charmi Taylor 3-5, Sandra Thompson 2-5, Susan'Candy'Thomsen 2-6. Their teachers were K Mary Allen, 1st Anna Johnson, 2nd Cecelia Martin, 3rd Mary Maahs, 4th Margaret Kleese, 5-6th Mrs Doolittle.

The Class of 1967 was the last class to go through 6th grade as Milford Twp in 1961 and transferred into Nevada School Community for Jr. Hi. as 7th graders. Only the Munson, Watson and Waugh families took their children to Roland.

1968: The Class of 1968 started Kindergarten at Milford Twp on January 20,1956 with 8, Clinlton'Clint'Brooks K-5 [D'05] B1; Donald Brooks K-4{M-Pam 515 382 2204}, Jan Carsrud K-1, Billy Larsen K-5, Gary McVey K-5, Marlene Sorensen, K-5{M-Bob Borger, Liscomb, IA}, Jacque Strother K-5 {Kyle Stephenson/dv B1G1, 660 676 3328, Keysville, MO}, James Voigt K-1, The others and their grade level/s: Thaddies Bishop 4-5, Mike Coy 1-5, Shirley Culley 3, Mary Daley 3, Loren

Donaldson 2-4, Jimmy Eyanson 3, Sandy Gray 4, Sallie Hall, 4-5, Joe Lammey 4-5, Dennis McVey 2-5, Dennis Otto 3-5, Bruce Purvis 3, Stephen Thompson 2-4, Jimmie Tjelmeland 1-5, Diane Watson 2-5, Billy Wakefield 3-5. Their teachers were: K-Mary Allen, 1-Cecelia Martin, 3-Margaret Kleese, 4-Mr Pat Steinhart, 5-Mrs Doolittle. Thirteen finished 5th grade together in 1961 and a total of 24 students shared their '68 class at Milford Twp. The class of '68 was the first group to stay at the Milford site as part of the first Nevada Community Middle School for 6th grade.

1969: The Class of 1969 started Kindergarten at Milford Twp on January 15, 1957 with 17: Patty Atkinson K, Vickie Boozell K-1, Craig Brodie K`, Carol Brooks K-4, Kathleen Fitzgerald K-4, Linda Morvedt K-3, Katherine Nelson K-3, Sue Ellen Nelson K-4 {M-___Althabe she does Catering in Manhattan, NY, 646 373 7934}, Harley Osborn K-1, Sharon Oxley K-2, James Roberts K-4 { in Los Vegas}, Becky Smith K-4, Peggy Smith 3, Donna Sorensen K-4{M-Dean Albert}, Kent Sorensen K-4, Kristie Sorensen K-4, Steve Tendall K-4, Mark Wilson K-4. Others joined: Kathy Daley 2, Bill Durby 4, Linda Edwards 1, Donald Fuss 1-2`, Donna Fuss 1-3, Cathy Hendrick 1-3, Darrell Hocking 3-4, Bruce Risdal 3-4, Marcia Schrader 1-2, Marilyn Smith 3, Danny Thompson 1-4, Linda Varner 4, Jerry Winger 3-4. Their teachers were: K- Mary Allen, 1-2 Celcila Martin, 3 Pat Stienhart, 4 Marlys Dodd. Fourteen finished 4th grade together in 1961 and a total of 31 students shared the '69 class together at Milford Twp. The Class of '69 was the first class to use the Milford site for two years as a part of the Nevada Community Middle School or 5th and 6th.

1970: The Class of 1970 started Kindergarten at Milford Twp on January 20, 1958 with 13: Patricia Anderson K-3, David Book K-3, Craig Brodie K-2`, Jeanette Brooks K-3, Russell Bryant K(-Shipley)1-2; Kathy Coy K-2`, Jim Eller K-3, Gregory Kaltenheuser K-2(-Roland), Cindy Kenast K-2, Steven McVey K-3, Linda Munson K(-Roland), Marlene Osborn K-1, Teddy Smith K-3{M-, IA meat inspector Vet, Holstein, IA}, Roger Tendall K-3, Ann Wakefield K-1`. Others joined: JoAnn Dady 2-3, Fred Eyanson 1, Donald Fuss 2-3, Connie Fry 2-3, Sandra Fry 2-3, Charlotte Gray 2(-Nevada) Susie Hall 2-3, Darlene Hocking 2-3, Betty Lammey 2-3, Sharon Oxley 2-3, Cathy Smith 2, David Stanley 2, David Varner 3, Marvin Sandvick 3. There teachers were: K- Mary Allen, 1- Cecelia Martin, 2- Sandra Johnson, 3- Marlys Dodd. Thirteen finish 3rd grade together in 1961 and a total of 29 students shared the experience at Milford. After going into the Nevada Community Elem for one year they were back out to the Milford site for two more years for the Nevada Middle School.

1971: The Class of 1971 started Kindergarten at Milford Twp on January 19, 1959 with 18: Kathy Boozell K(-?),Joe Culley K, Gary Osborn K, Susan Osborn K-2, Michael Oxley K-1`, Craighton Kaltenheuser K-1(-Roland), Cindy Petersen K-2, Jack Schrader K, Danny Sorensen K-1`, Linda Thompson K-2, Nancy Twedt K-2, Jeanine Tye K-1, Mike Wakefield K-2, Timmy Watson K-2(-Roland), Diane Wilson K-2. Others joined: James Stanley 1, Craig Brodie 2, Russell Bryant 2, Kathy Coy 2, David Varner 2, Ann Wakefield 2. Their teachers were: K- Allen, 1- Johnson, 2- Ethel Jacobson. Twelve finish 2nd grade together in 1961 at Milford Twp, two years later they returned to Milford with the Nevada Middle.

1972: The Class of 1972 started Kindergarten at Milford Twp in January of 1960 with 14: Charles'Chuckie'Brooks K-1, Loren Brooks K(-Nevada), Ed Bryant K-1, Mary Ann Fitzgerald K-1, Clifford Fry K-1, Rusty Hotz K, Debra Larsen K-1, Denise Risdal K-1, Chuck Sharp K-1, Jimmie Thomsen K-1{Jim was the Class of 1972 Nevada Senior Class President}, Paul Tjelmeland K-1, Kevin Tye K, Cindy Watson K-1(-Roland), Jeff Winger K-1, Steve Durby 1, Mike Oxley 1, Danny Sorenson 1, Robin Williams 1. Their teachers were: K- Mary Allen, 1- Ethel Jacobson. Fourteen finshed lst grade at Milford Twp and after three years they would return to the Milford site with the Nevada Middle School.

1973: The Class of 1973 was the last class to start school at the Milford Twp site in January of 1961. The Kindergarten teacher, Mrs Mary Allen, had a class of 12: Bill Bensen, Michael Fitzgerald, Carol Jacobson, Terry McVey[Killed in motorcycle accident in 1969], Linda Oxley, Kim Petersen, Douglas Sampson, Valorie Smith, Timmy Tendall, Bunny Varner, Molly Wakefield, Brad Williams, Steve Wilson. After four years they returned to the Milford site in the Nevada Middle School. See their class picture on page 284.

Some More Pleasant Grove News

Before the summer of 1896, a bridge stood just to the west of the Pleasant Grove Church. During that summer this bridge was taken out and replaced with a "large tile" which makes a "decided improvement". The article makes it sound as though this bridge stood about 75 yards west of the Church. A little insight into what a church service at the Pleasant Grove Church in the "Nineties" was like was in the paper when it was announced "the organ at the M E Church has been overgoing some much needed repairs. Mr Dale of Story City doing the work." Also, the Pres of Simpson College gave an inspiring sermon which lead to the baptism at the river of 15 folks from the "home free congregation". A hard rain dispersed the group, estimated to be about a thousand, before end of the baptismal service. (Possible picture on page 317)

1952 Polio Scare Hits Milford Twp

Six students were affected, but none too seriously, by the scourge. Larry Sorensen '67, born in 1948, was the most severely affected. The disease struck him at a very early age. His Dad had let the Polio Insurance policy drop just before Larry was diagnosed. The disease affected his legs and feet- one foot needs a 10 1/2 shoe while the other takes a 12 1/2. His cousin, Linda Sorensen '67, was affected by leg problems. David '66 and Dennis Otto '68, brothers, were affected as were friends Jurine Borton '56 and Hazel Horness '56. David Otto, because of Polio, left school for a year. During the Polio season many events were canceled or simply not scheduled in a effort to avoid crowds. Polio vaccine, shots, came out in April of 1955!

The Senior Class girls of 1954. The ladies model their selected dresses for the prom of that year and were invited to participate in the style show that was held near the time of the Prom. From left: Doradene Brodie, Arlene Steward, Margaret Thompson, and Ruth Warren. The style show was one of Mrs Sandell's efforts, yes, the boys were there as escorts. The Stage was decorated and called "The Miss Milford Teen Shop".

The Arrasmith Service Station

This is the only picture found of the Arrasmith gas station that was on the south side of road across from the School. The view is from the west side looking east with the School across the road to the left. Taken in 1952 it shows a group of the 4-H girls. Back Row: Florine Borton '52, Ruth Warren '54, Mrs Wilma (Arnie '42) Munson, Mrs Ethyleen (Glen'43) Sampson. Middle Row: Doradene Brodie '54, Alice Hansen '55, Jurine Borton '56. Front Row: Marlene Morfey '57 and Donna Sorem '55. The station was owned by the Arrasmiths and the Glen Sampsons lived there.

At the Story County Tournament of 1954, the girls admire the trophy they earned for Consolation Winner. This was one of first trophies the girls had won since their good luck in 1945 when they had also won the County Tournament Consolation Trophy. Back Row: Arlene Steward, Hazel Horness, Sandra Mortvedt, Donna Sorem, Elizabeth Haugland. Front: Jurine Borton, Ruth Warren, Margaret Thompson, Alice Hansen, Doradene Brodie (hidden) and Shirley Meyer. Georgia Roberts '55 is missing from this photo. This 1954 squad also won second place in the Sectional Tournament where they lost to Randall who went on to the State Tournament. These three trophies are the only trophies won by the Milford Girl's Teams. **See page 266.**

Below: Dorothy Tendall '47 in the summer of 1946 landed a friend's, Dick Hall, airplane at the farm just to the north of their home. She says her Dad really- "Laid down the law" to her for this incident. She did not possess a pilot's license and did not pursue that goal. **See page 41.**

Milford Social Clubs

Happy Hour Club-1970

Left to Right, Front: Margaret (Magnus) Simonsen, Mae (Bill) Buttry, Stella (George) Roberts, Rohby (Harold) Matters, Loretta (Tollef) Haaland. Second Row: Hazel (Jack) Strother, Cleopha (Silas) Thompson, Maud (Charley) Leonard, Mabel (Jeffrey) Jacobson, Verna (Roy) Borton, Cora (Ted) Molde. Third Row: Avalee (John) Fitzgerald, Kathy (Gene) Roberts, Gladys (Raymond) Warren, Grace (Ward) Wierson, Emma (Lon) Williams. Top Row: Edith (Jeff) Rasmusson, Vivian (Otis) Cole, Irene (Howard) Jacobson, Hattie (Paul) Comfort; Those not present: Irene (Andy) Brodie, Edna (Rex) Hughes, Grace (Ross) Morfey, Miriam (Clarence) Gleason.

The Milford Happy Hour Club since 1912

On 12 January 1945, eight ladies met at the home of Pearl Wilson to organize a Milford Township club. They voted to name the group "Happy Hour Club" and to meet every two weeks. These were the last months of WWII and many felt the need to help in someway. At the first meeting they decided to contact the Red Cross to find something they could do. Soon they were making bed pads and handkerchiefs. These were probably for hospitals. In Feb of that year they seemed to start serving lunch at "Harper Sales". These were purebred Duroc hog sales held by Harlan Harper. The grocery bill for the first sale was; potatoes $1.06, bread 88 cents, seven pounds of "Hamburger" $1.82, one pound coffee 30 cents, and five cans of corn at 40 cents for a total of $4.46 plus nine cents tax. They served 40 people at 40 cents each. They had earned $12.30. In June they sent $10 to the Red Cross.

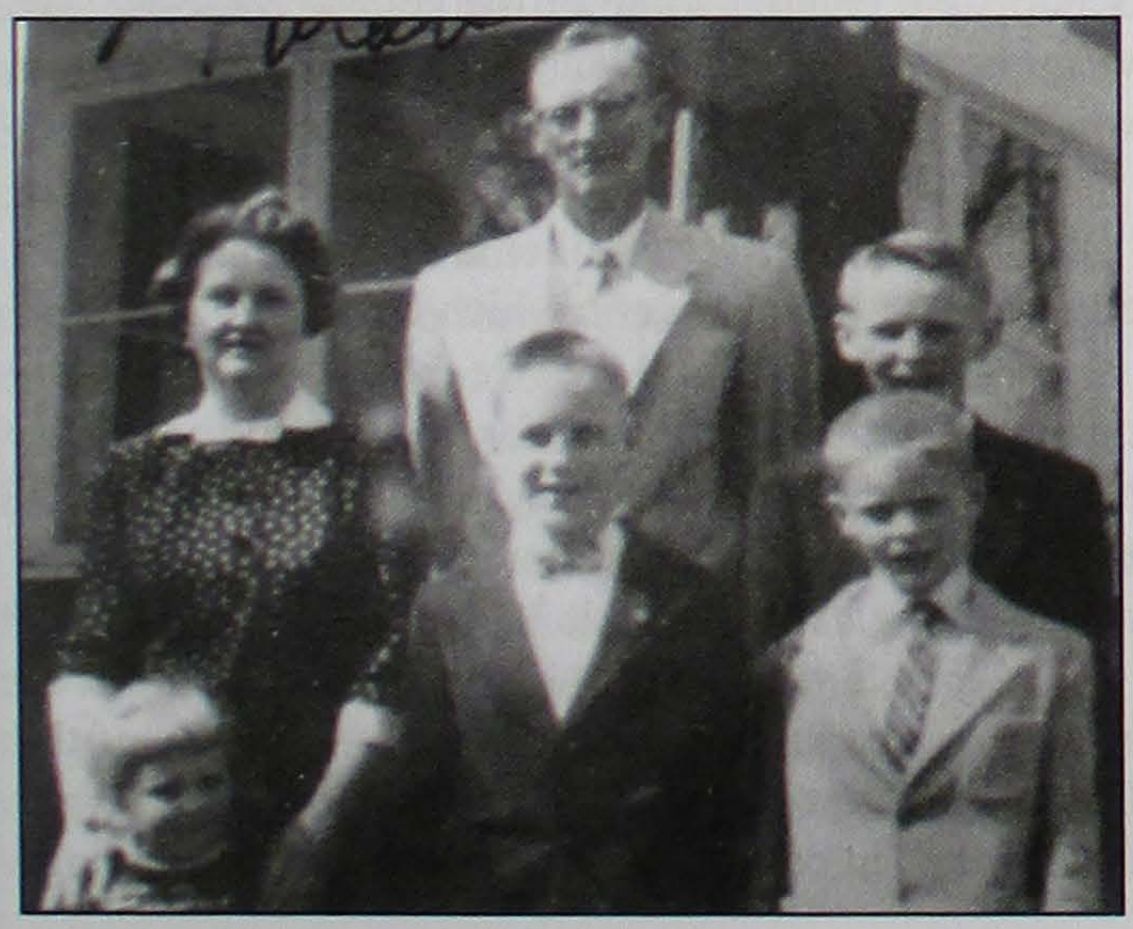
In 1946, they sent 17 boxes of clothing to families in the Netherlands. Five dollars was given to the Moose Lodge in Ames for a fund to buy an iron lung. Over the years money and supplies were given to the Red Cross, hospitals, the Salvation Army, Crippled Children and to families in need.

In 2009, the Club still meets on a regular basis.

Another Womens' Club, **The Milford Social Hour Club,** was organized in 1910 and disolved in 1998. **Country Club** page 284 and **The Thimble Club** page 315

The Starlite Lounge Independent Team contained some Milford connection as shown in this early 1970's Nevada Journal Photo. Art Borton '57, front left, and Ron Otto '56, front center, along with Wayne Tjernagel '64, back row second from the left. The Weuve Brothers, Ron and Dennis, flank Ron Otto and are well known in the Milford area. Loren Tjernagel, back next to right, older brother of Wayne, also was known in the Milford area as was Fred Mathison, back row third from left, who was a County Supervisor. The fellows finished the season at 21-8.

Below: **The Floyd Twedt Family.** Back: Grace (Tendall '35), Floyd '32, Arlen '62. Front: Nancy '71, Dennis '64, and John '66. They lived one mile east, two miles north, and a quarter east on the north side of the road. Arlen, '62, became very interested in the history of the Norwegians in Iowa and authored a couple books on the subject. John became one of the famous "Twedt,Twedt, Toot Toot" track team at Nevada High School. In many of the early pictures of Milford, Floyd is one of the few that is easily recognized because of his height and blond hair. Both Arlen and John were Profs at DMACC.



1947 A picture of style. Dorothy Tendall, from the class of '47, had a job in a Nevada clothing store after graduation.

The North South Pipeline

The five posts represent the south north buried pipeline that crosses Milford Twp. The photo is looking to the NNE at the intersection two miles east of Milford School. The "right of way" was first used in 1931 for a gasoline pipeline and has been added to four times; 1937, 1950, 1968, and 1978. Currently there are 5 lines in place. One is an optic line and two are petroleum lines. It goes through the very west sides of Secs 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36. This view in the spring of 2007 is looking to the NNE at 190 and 610, two miles east of Milford. When originally plotted the company was the Great Lakes Pipeline, then Williams Bro, and now it's Magelann Pipeline when they took over in 2000. It's for the Kansas City, Minneapolis corridor area. There's a pumping station one mile east of Roland. Faintly visible near the horizon is the east west power highline. See page 33.

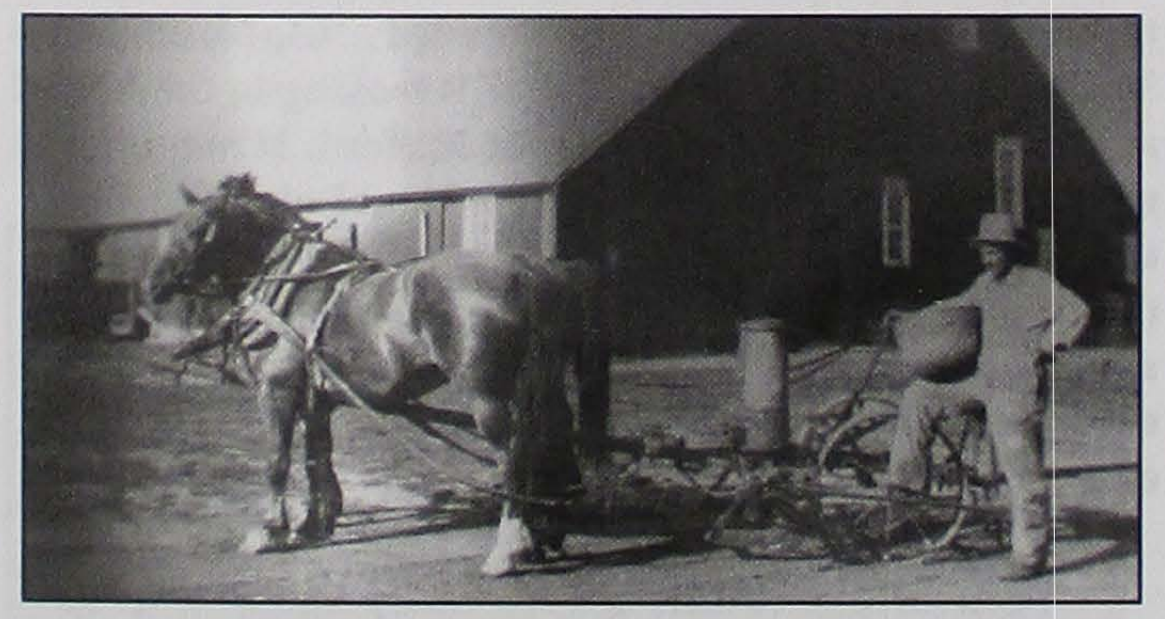
Rural Water in Milford Twp

The pipes were put in and the customers received their first water bills at various dates throughout Milford Twp. For example, those in Sec 14 and 15 received service in 1991 and most others within two years afterwards. The water came from wells north of Marshalltown.

Ol' Milford Farmer think: when you get yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

Leonard Tendall '37 all dressed up and ready to go, patiently waiting with his foot casually resting on the running board of what may be a 1930 Chev in this 1937 photo.

This is the Ted Molde auction held a mile and a quarter east of Milford School in 1968 when Ted retired from farming and moved to Story City. He had married Cora Hill in March of 1917 and they were married for 58 years. Ted lived to be a hundred years old and died in Dec of 1988; Cora in May of 1975 at age 79. Ted's Mother, Gusta, lived to be over 90 years of age. **see page 291**



On the Ted Molde farm, a mile and a quarter east of the School on the south side, in the late thirties. A fine looking pair of draft horses and the farmer, it looks like Ted himself, pose before beginning the task of planting corn with this two row corn planter. The bushel basket may contain feed for the animals, however, it may have the seed corn in it, shelled from hand selected ears of corn.

In Milford School 1920-1932

The following article was authored by Vera Stevenson Tarman, a graduate with the 1932 class:

"In the fall of 1924 I started 5th grade in Milford Consolidated School. I rode to school in a horse drawn bus. My teacher was Miss Adams. I only knew two girls, Gladys and Mabel Hanson. Mabel was in my grade and she helped me get acquainted with the other boys and girls. To this day we still send each other Birthday and Christmas cards. The last time I saw her was at our 65th class reunion.

"The next four years were spent getting used to being a farm girl. I had always lived in town. There was not much time for playing with dolls anymore as there were chores to be done. The church we attended was four miles away in Nevada. (I had been used to walking to church) This was a real adjustment as farm boys and girls were looked down upon as not being as good as the town ones.

"One of the fun things we did in the sixth grade (1925-'26) was to have a girl's club called MMM Milford Merry Maids) We met every two weeks and had lots of fun playing games and learning to dance.

"In 8th grade our Music teacher organized a Girl's Glee Club. From then on I was always in some form of music.

"In 9th grade was when I knew for sure I wanted to became a teacher. We had something new Home Economics. My teacher was Miss Myers. She became my mentor and from then on I wanted to be just like her. She was short, very pretty and a great teacher. I learned so much from her about how to act and relate to other people. I had two years with her.

"I was always in Girl's Glee Club in High School. We entered some of the county contests. We were pretty good. Our plans to go to the State contest was halted by a snow storm that closed all the roads.

"In my Junior years we produced class plays. In "Oh Kay" I played Kay Miller, a detective. The operetta was Sun Bonnet Sue in which I sang two solos.

"Living in a rural area we didn't have many parties. My Mother had a party for my 16th birthday. We had a Junior-Senior Hunt party, Roselma Brodie had a Halloween party and the Juniors had a class party at the roller skating hall in Nevada.

"My Senior year was a mixture of many feelings. We wee just beginning to feel the effects of the Depression. Not only that we were having a drought that resulted in poor crops. My Dad had to sell the hogs

as there was no feed left for them. We needed to keep the cows and the horses, (although one horse died anyway.) My Mother's father would bring grain for the chickens and potatoes and meat for us; we lived mostly on cornmeal, oatmeal, potatoes, bread and eggs. We would have chicken on Sundays or maybe some meat that mother had canned. Mother made butter, baked cakes, dressed chickens and had a few eggs to sell. The money from this she used to buy staples like flour, sugar, oatmeal and coffee.

"She made our underwear, linens for the beds and towels from feed sacks. The printed ones she used for dresses and aprons. I lost my savings for college- $600- when the Peoples State Bank closed. That does not sound like much today, but it would have paid a lot of the expenses in those days.

"There were some good times in my Senior year. We learned to do the Charleston, had another roller skating party at Lake Comar and another Nevada. We had our first Junior-Senior banquet at the Story Hotel in Nevada, The Circle Theater was host to our class to attend a movie. We had our first Senior Flunk day. We made a trip to Iowa Falls, which is a few miles from where I was born.

"Some how my Mother made it possible for me to have a great high school graduation. I don't know how my Mother did it, but she bought me a class ring, bought me my first ready made dress. She got my graduation announcements and pictures.

"Next she helped me make plans to go to college. The summer after I graduated from high school I worked in my Aunt's Restaurant and saved all the money I earned and all my graduation gifts which were mostly five and ten dollar bills. One thing I didn't do was to put it in the bank. My mother was determined I should attend college. She belonged to the Ladies Auxiliary, which was an organization for wives of World War One Veterans. She learned about a scholarship that would pay for their children's tuition after their first semester of college.

"The problem now was to get together $50 for entrance fees and $36 for first quarter tuition and money for books. We lived four miles from the college in Ames so we decided I should go there and take Home Economics and Science.

"After I completed the first quarter I qualified for the La Vern Noyles scholarship. My Mother helped me with books and I worked for my room and board in the homes of the Professors. Finally, after four years, I made it. Received BS degree from Iowa State in 1936 with a Major in Home Economics and Science.
Taught 2 years in Fernald. Home Ec, English and Physics.
Taught 3 years in Ventura. Home Ec, Biology and Chemistry
Taught 3 years in West Des Moines Vocational Home Economics
Taught 32 years in Des Moines
Received MS from Drake University in 1962
Vice Principal 12 years
Retired in 1976 and moved to California in 1982."

Glen Sampson, '43, sends an interesting time table of his early experiences at Milford Twp School.

"I was born and raised in Milford Twp and attended School 12 years and graduated in 1943.(started Fall '31)

"We rode to School in horse drawn busses the first three years. In the winter time we rode in a Bobsled when the snow was too deep for the school bus to travel. Otis and Argle Cole were our bus drivers, then came the **Model "A" car** for our bus rides; driver Gene Cook. Next came a bus body mounted on a truck chassis driven by Floyd Twedt. In my last two years of high school came the new Blue Bird Buses from some company that manufactured school busses." (The Nevada Paper reports there were six bus routes at Milford for the year 1936-'37.)

"For my senior year Supt Halverson asked me to apply for a chauffeur's license so I could drive a bus route. After returning from WWII I came back to Milford Twp and farmed and drove school bus for 7 years."

Glen thinks the hot lunch program started in 1934 or 1935 and Milford was one of the earliest to have such a program.

He also reports that 3 teachers, Paul Madurby, Earl Lee and Florence Crouch, lived up the road (north) from the School half a mile at the Christy farm and walked to school when the weather was favorable.

First Victim on Story Co's New Paving

W. Gammon, of near Ames, was killed on 18 Aug 1929 in an traffic incident a mile south of Ames on the new concrete portion of the Jefferson Highway. His car had stalled after dark and he was in front of the vehicle attempting to start it when the car was struck from behind by one driven by Harlan H Harper who lived south of Ames at the time. Investigators reported that the Gammon vehicle was without lights at the time. Neither of the Harpers was injured.

Milford's Last Kindergarten Class: (L-R) Tim Tendall, Kim Petersen, Carol Jacobson, Linda Oxley, Brad Williams, Doug Sampson, Unknown, Molly Wakefield, Mike Fitzgerald, Terry McVey, Steve Wilson. And, of course, Mrs Mary Allen is the teacher.

Milford's Jr High Team of 1954: Front: Connie Petersen, Sandra Nelson, Julie Cox, Sharyl Buchanan, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Nadine Safly, Joan Anderson.
Back: Shirley Groomes, Marcia Jacobson, Janet Rasmusson, Doris Pauley, Rita Thomas, Mrs Jessie Petersen, Coach Ev Cochrane, Barb Cox, Norene Hughes, Patricia Haugland.

Bonny Rierson '52A, and Johnny Phil Danielson '52R with brother Carroll '54A holding the ponies at the Danielson farm on the south side of Sec 1- the VanZee place. Photo from the mid forties. Note the cement mixer on the far left and the barn door open for ventilation. Pix is to the northeast. The barn is still standing, though slightly modified, and the silo is gone by 2007.

More from Bill Horine:

Weather and the results of weather have always played a big part in the lives of those who depend on agriculture. I remember one spring morning while on the mail route, similar to the one we now enjoy, where we had a lot of storms passing through the area. One particular morning storm clouds were especially threatening and little funnels of clouds would drop down then recede back in the clouds. One funnel was especially threatening. I waited on four corners to see just what direction the funnel was going to take. Believe me, I was determined not to go in the wrong direction to escape it if it got to the ground. That funnel drifted off to the northeast in the direction of Waterloo. I later learned of damage it had caused over in Grundy county.

In the early 1900s Milford township was known among waterfowl hunters as an ideal place to hunt ducks on account of the large number of marshes in that part of the county. Those marshes gradually disappeared as they were drained in the 1920s. Today, the location of many of those marshes is apparent after heavy rains as large potholes appear and slowly disappear when the underground tiles and dredge ditches carry off the unwanted water and drain into what is known as West Indian Creek, which has its headwaters in Milford Township. .....Hope you can use some of this, If I can help further, let me know. It has been a real pleasure to have been able to recall the many memories of carrying mail in Milford Township. Bill-See page 46, 273.

Pleasant Grove Country Club Debate

Resolved: "There is more Pleasure in Pursuit than in Possession in regard to Marriage". This was a portion of the program for 21 Dec 1911 for the Pleasant Grove Country Club. Ev W Kimble and Ev Harnden for the affirmative with EW Sanders and Mrs Ev Harnden for the negative. The judges decided 2-1 for the negative point of view. The record does not indicate if the debate was humorous or, on the other hand, "dead serious". Ice Cream, cake and coffee were served before folks went home. The Country Club had been organized just a month or so before.

The Thompson Brothers, Cap and Si

Si Thompson, father of Clarion '54, and his brother, Casper, played instruments in local band concerts around central Iowa. Clarion says that his Dad farmed during the day and played for dances in Marshalltown, Fort Dodge, Des Moines as well as at Dayton Park and Lake Comar south of Story City. Cap taught band in the Roland Schools. Cap was very much involved in the music portion of the services and meetings at the Pleasant Grove Church. Cap lived on 580 Ave near the southeast corner of Sec 5. **Right: Si Thompson with Lyman Morgan. Si lived east of P G and Morgans lived a little north and east. (Now under I-35)**

Norene Hughes

Norene '59, daughter of Rex Hughes, won a superior rating in the College Districts Forsenic Tournament in 1960. She was one of eight in a field of 143 from thirty three colleges who was chosen to be in The National Forensic Fraternity.

She earned a Master's Degree from Washington University in Seattle and went on to work for the Gov in Panama. While there she continued her "acting career" and won the Panamanian equivalent of the American "Oscar".

She came back to Texas and worked as an Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Texas State Hospitals, the highest funded agency in the Texas Government. She retired in ca. 2000.

When she graduated from Milford in 1959, she was with an outstanding group of High School graduates, including, but not limited to, Bill Jacobson-PhD, Jerry Book-Masters, David Bhend ?MD? etc. As a sophomore she was selected Honorable Mention on the All County Basketball Team and was very active in the music program throughout High School and also earned the Sr Betty Crocker Award as a Senior.

The Horness Family

Edit: Hazel (Horness) Jessen '56, sent this history of her Dad and Grandfather and living in northwest Milford Twp in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

This was in a book about the Horness-Sorenson family put together for our family. by Hazel Jessen

"This is about my grandparents, Nels and Martha Horness, and written by Edna Lee, wife of one of my cousins. Nels Martin------Was born on April 30, 1860 around Bergen, Norway, to Jens Martin------ and Sigrid Lillyard. He was in the Selected Service for 2 years, as it was required. After corresponding with his sister Malinda in Illinois (Mrs. Sam Stueland) he came to the United States, and to Elliot, Illinois, where he stayed with his sister's family. In Norway he would have gone by name of Jens-son. Malinda sent word there were so many Jensons in their area, he would have trouble getting his mail, so he should take another name. So he changed his surname to Horness. He was 29 years old when he came from Norway, as far as we know he came alone.

"A book belonging to Nels dated January 15, 1892, Norsk-Amerkanska Haandborg has his name stamped HoRas. We hoped to find the papers when he first filed in Illinois. He worked as a farm laborer around the Elliott, Paxton and Loda Illinois area. He worked for Erick Sorenson before Mr. Sorenson passed away and later for his widow, Martha. He married Martha Erickson Sorenson, April 11, 1894, and they farmed the place at Loda, Illinois where Sigvelda was born on October 24, 1895. Martha had 3 children from her first marriage to Erick Sorenson, two boys and a girl, Soren, Elmer, and Ellen. Sigveda's baptism was held at Malinda and Sam Stueland's home, just before they left Illinois in February of 1896 to make their home in the Roland, Iowa area. Nels rode with the livestock and machinery in a boxcar. Martha brought the four children on a later train.

"They rented a farm 6 miles south of Story City, (Jacobs Place) where they lived 2 years. Magnus was born there September 27, 1897. In 1898 they had to move to a small parcel of land, it was offered to them rent free by the Evans brothers, it was down on the east side of Skunk River, where Nels built a one room house. They bought 7 1/2 acres on the east side of the road, and rented another 30 acres. Haaken was born in the one room house on July 26, 1900. That brought the total of people to 8 in the one room house.

"The next year Nels built a cave for storing food, and later added a lean-to on the north for a summer kitchen and where the pans also hung. With some of the smaller children three and four to a bed, they managed to get by in the room. As soon as they were old enough the boys worked out at farm work, sometimes staying at the farm where they worked. The girls hired out to help with housework and also stayed away from home. Sigvelda went to work in the Pennant Factory where Nora, Elmer's wife worked.

Hazel Horness 1956

"Martha was a housewife, living with the bare necessities. She washed clothes on the washboard, and scrubbed the wide boards on the kitchen floor, until they were bleached white, and clean enough to eat from. They had an organ that stood between the two south windows in the living room, after the large living room and the two upstairs bedrooms were added on. We now notice a big roof change taking place at that time. The lumber being furnished by Sigvelda and Nels, with Nels doing the work.

"In addition to farm work, Nels also had jobs of making foundations out of stone for homes and other buildings. His work sometimes kept him from his home for up to two weeks, staying with the people he worked for. He was termed a stone mason, but was also a carpenter. He also did house basements.

"They went to town by horse and buggy, never owning an automobile. They had 4 or 5 milk cows, some chickens and 2 horses.

"The kitchen stove served as a heating and cooking stove, it had doors on both sides for the oven. There are pictures in Decorah. Many goodies came from this oven--Martha's cakes and bread were specialties. At the Decorah Museum one of the houses they have brought from Norway is very much like the house Nels and Martha lived in.

"Nels died after falling down the steep stairs in his home at the age of 74 in 1934. After Nel's death Soren or Haaken's family lived with Grandma until she moved to Roland with Ellen's familiy in 1936, where she died in April, 1944 at the age of 87. Nels and Martha are both buried at the Pleasant Grove cemetary.

"This following little article was written by Lila Hemnes one of my cousins. (Hazel)

"I can remember when I was a young girl, around the age of 7, I went to my Grandpa and Grandma Horness' place to spend the summer. It was in the summer of 1918, it started to storm, and it rained for many days, with a lot of thunder and lightning. Then the old Skunk River went on a rampage. It came up to the house. Uncle Haaken kept watch to see how fast it was rising on the house.

"Everything that could be carried upstairs was taken up there. Then we all had to leave the house and go down to a farm lot about two and half blocks away to a cave that Grandma used to store the vegetables and canned foods. In the wee hours of the morning we had to leave the cave as it started to leak and went to the haymow in the barn, a little ways away. There we stayed until daylight. Then we left the barn and went to the top of a big hill. Then Mr Jacobs came with a team of horses and spring wagon (he was a neighbor of Grandma and Grandpa Horness) and took us all to his place We were with them for a week before the water went down.

"Then Uncle Haaken, Grandma and the Jacobs men went down to clean up the house so we could go back. The water had been up to four feet deep in the house.

"After we returned to the house. Grandma and I were in the summer kitchen when I noticed a large snake up by the chimney on a shelf. I was so frightened I couldn't say anything, I just pointed at it. Grandma called Uncle Haaken and he killed the snake. He said it was a bull snake.

"Nels was working on a foundation west of Story City during the time of the flood.

"It was our yelling that brought the neighbors for our rescue."

Milford's Top Hand

In Sept of 1937 the Nevada Paper ran a "fun" headline, on page one, about Story County Claims World's Youngest "Top Hand". Of course, or it wouldn't be in this book, he was from Milford Twp. Dean Rose, husky little three-year old son of Mr and Mrs Harry Rose, has been acquiring a great deal of distinction for his abilities on the farm. He was the subject of a special feature story sent out by a press bureau a few weeks ago, he is now being shown at the Circle Theater. "Dean is not only able to look after his share of the farm work in the way of looking after the calves, also in doing the chores about the barn, taking a hand at milking, driving the mules during the harvest season and other tasks."

Milford's Commencements

As representative of several articles about commencement activities, the one from the Nevada Paper for 1947 is presented.

"Commencement activities begin at the Milford School tonight with the Junior-Senior banquet honoring the nine graduates. This morning for assembly the student body enjoyed the "Bushe Marionettes".

On Wed noon at 12:30 there will be a baseball game between Milford and Zearing at Milford.

Thursday, May 8, the senior class play "Aunt Samantha" will be given by a fine cast.

Friday, May 9, is eighth grade examinations.

On Sat, May 10, Supt. Wm. Swim will take to the National Music contest, St. Joseph, Mo., Two soloists, Dorothy Murrow and Dorothy Tendall and the Boys Quartette, Joe Harper, Stanley Sorem, Richard Stevenson, and Richard Couser, all of whom had won superior ratings in the state contest at Boone. The Milford Glee Club also rated superior.

Sunday, May 11, will be baccalaureate with Rev Nichols of the Ames Collegiate Church, preaching the sermon at 8 p.m.

May 12-13-14 will be examinations for all but the seniors who will enjoy "Skip" day.

On Thur May 15, will be Commencement with Steven M Watkins, superintendent of the Ames Schools, as commencement speaker. During this period there will be ball games played to be announced later." *See page 120.*

Some MILFORDITE VOLUNTEERING EFFORTS

The search for the **Volunteer Service-** without pay **-Milfordites** are involved with should be credited to Patsy Jane Manley Smith, the only girl in the Class of 1951. She formatted the form which was sent out with the 2007 Milford Reunion Invitation. Spelled out below is a summary of finding as stimulated from the mailing. A good majority of Milfordites are very involved with their **church**. Besides the regular numerous officers, committees, circles, groups etc some findings are:

Choir: Dix Harper'40, Gloria Warren Grant'48, Clarion Thompson'54 (52 years).

Religious Councils: Myrtle Nassen Harper'42, Jeanne Stratton Painter'43

COMMUNITY SERVICE (Clubs, Business or groups not listed- too many, that's great!) were:

City Council: Ben Durby '39, Roland: Julie Cox Todd '59 at Spillville, IA.

Exchange Youth or Adults: Jurine Borton Moore'56: 4-H youth and leaders 1 wk; a Japanese English Teacher-6 weeks. Earl & Doris Pauley Otto (both '58): 2 Russian Dr's 1 wk.

Fireman: Loyd Hughes '56 (Milford Twp); Earl Otto '58 (Colo).

Habitat for Humanity (Housing): Harlan Harper Jr'47 (Credited for starting it and helped with 16 homes); Mary Harper Lackore'51.

Homeowners Assoc: Stanley Egland'41(Stone Brooke), Richard Warren '48.

Kind Deeds: Earl Otto (snow plowing). (I'm sure many others by Milfordites too!) Also, see page 273.

School (teachers aid etc): Harriet Comfort '47, Mary Harper Lackore'51 (English as a second Language and grade school pen pal writing); Bonny Rierson '52 (Elem). Geri Fitzgerald Dobbe '59 (Elem reading)

4-H Leaders: many (see 4-H Representation pg 238)

Little League: Ron Otto'56.

Scout Leaders/Masters: Mabel Hansen Alfred'32, Myrtle Nassen Harper'42, Gloria Warren Grant'48, Lois Warren Logan '50, Earl and Doris Otto(both'58), Virgil Horness'65.

Ushering or Hospitality: Patsy Manley Smith'51 (Friendly Visitors); Alice Grindem Petersen'52 (Comm College); Jurine Borton Moore'56 (Paramount Theater in Cedar Rapids).

HISTORICAL LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS or SITES revealed various committees, restoration or preservation, some were:

African American Museum of Iowa: Jurine Borton Moore'56 (founding committee work and Life Membership).

Historical Society: Glen Sampson'43 (Nevada); Joe Harper'47 (Colo).

Living History Farm (of Iowa) in Des Moines: Fred Matters'44; Dale Hughes'55.

LBJ Presidential Library, Austin, TX: Mavis Warren Nelson '46.

HOSPICE, CARE FACILITIES, HEALTH NEEDS:

Health issues: Harriet Comfort'43 Whitmore; Glen Sampson'43 (Sr Care); Jeanne Stratton'43 Painter; Gordan Bivens Sr & Prisoners Care; Jane Allen McCoy'50 (National Alliance for Mental Illness); Patsy Jane Manley Smith'51 (Phone Alert League and Suicide & Crisis Intervention); Alice Grindem Petersen'52 (Philanthropy and Sr Computer Group); Bonny Rierson (Sr Care); Doradene Brodie Thompson'54 (Cancer); Ruth Warren Paulsen '54 (Hospital and Sr Care); Jurine Borton Moore'56 (Sr Care).

Hospice or Hospital: Wm L.'Bill'Sharpe'38; Myrtle Nassen Harper'42; Jeanne Stratton'42, Dorothy Harper Likely '43; Mavis Warren'46; Harriet Comfort'47;

Meal provision: Dix Harper'40, Myrtle Nassen Harper'42, Patsy Manley Smith'51, Fritz Morris'54, Barbara Swim Brousard'57.

Organ donor commitment: Charles'Art'Cooling'47, body to U of I; Loren Olson'52; Jurine Borton Moore'56, body to Uof I (since 1966); Alan Twedt'57, eyes.

ORGANIZATIONS not previously mentioned:

Farm Broadcasters Assoc: Historian- Dix Harper '40

Iowa Comm Blind: Gordon Bivens '44

Northwest Antique Aircraft Club: George Lendell Manley '46 (owns a 1946 Piper Cub)

Radcliffe Garden Club, Pres 7yrs Myrtle Nassen Harper'42

R.S.V.P: Myrtle Nassen Harper'42

YMCA: Stanley Sorem'47 (Pres.), Wanona, MN.

Some other representation reported below:

1939 Ben Durby: Ben, the 14th child of Peder and Maren Durby, farmed after graduation in 1939. He also has operated an oil, gas and grocery store in Roland and was employed ??? years at the National Animal Disease Center in SW Milford Township. Ben served **42 years as Secretary or Superintendent of Bergan Lutheran Sunday School** and at one point had 26 years of perfect attendance. Ben served as the **Roland,** then the **Roland-Story (and known to occasionally help at Milford Twp),** home basketball game **Official Timekeeper for 50 years**. He was an eligible bachelor for may years before he married Lois Sevde Stone March 17, 1968, when he also **"Volunteered" to become the father of five step-children**: Dennis, Steven, Larry, Debra and Susan. 7/12/21-11/28/94

1940 Dixon Harper: In 1993 he set up a $1000 scholorship endowed in Ag Bus. at U of NC State.

1941 Stanley D. Egland: Served on a variety of Board responsibilities including Pres Roland-Nevada Coop 11yrs; Pres of the Pork Producers, Nevada Lions Club.

1941 Harlan P. Harper: Served on a variety of boards; Radcliffe Coop 21yrs as Sec.; Hamilton Co Farm Bureau 16 yrs; Kiwanis, Story City, Sec. 10 yrs, on his recognized efforts his wife, Myrtle Nassen'42 Harper, was made an Honorary Lifetime Member and they renamed the Key Club $1500 Scholarship the Harlan Harper Scholarship. Harlan

is credited for starting Habitat for Humanity in Story County, helping oversee 16 homes.

1941 Marvin Smith Jr was one of the organizers of the Story Co Property Tax Assoc and served as one of the State Directors of the Iowa Property Tax Association.

1944 Gordon E. Bivens: Records books on tape for the Iowa Comm of Blind: visits nursing homes with his dog for senior therapy; facilitates workshops in Iowa Prisons; and facilitates alternatives to violence workshops in Iowa Prisons. How Challenging!

1947 Joe Harper: Joe **drove a golf ball from State Center to Colo** for the Newland **Fund-raising** effort to renovate the Hwy 30 historical land mark gas station and cafe.

1952 Florine Borton Smalley: As once said of her efforts: Florine was in numerous community and professional organizations at the local, district and state levels and she was always willing and able to volunteer her time, energy and home grown or home made goodies for their activities or fund-raisers through out the year.

1955 Dale Hughes and 1956 Jurine Borton Moore: After the 2005 reunion they made a two year commitment to record the history of Milford Township and the activities of its people into a book format to be shared at the 2007 Milford Twp Reunion. They are both also responsible the content and format of Iowa Hall of Pride web-sight on Milford Twp. It is reported to be the largest in the state or has more information in than any other school district no matter what size! It's certainly been a labor of love and as Jurine says, you would have to be-- insane and single to do it, because of the dedication of time and effort involved.

1956 Jurine Borton Moore: Provided a 400K paid up irrevocable life insurance policy for the Iowa 4-H Foundation and ISU and Iowa Wesleyan College at a two-thirds, one-third distribution. She appreciates their part in her life and its her way to pay back and pass on the opportunities.

1973 Bill Couser: Lead out rider for thirty years with Sparrows 40 Horse Hitch Family sometimes travels too, Bill says, coast to coast for major parades. They have done the New York Macy's Day Parade the last 5 yrs. Also 318

Typing Classes Started in Milford School

Apparently typing, as a course, was introduced in Milford in the fall of 1936 as the Nevada Paper states in an article about the opening of school at Milford.

"A course in typewriting is being offered to juniors and seniors this year. A classroom has been arranged for the new equipment which consists of twelve typewriters and tables. This course is being taught in two double periods thereby accommodating twenty four pupils." See page 95. See Teachers List 169.

Another in a series of pictures owned by the Highway Commission which was taken about 1920 publicizing the need for better roads. This time the scene (looking north) is the planks through the mud on the north side of Ames. The houses most visible in the shot are still in existence; the one on the left is in the seventeen hundred block of North Grand Avenue. This mud is just two miles out of Milford. At the time this was the main road from Ames to points in north Iowa and on to Minneapolis.

1958-1959 PTA

A nine event calendar has been announced by the Milford PTA. Open house will feature the first program on 25 Sept. The other monthly programs are as follows: 23 Oct, Women's Night: 20 Nov, Grades 1-4; 18 Dec, Christmas Program; 29 Jan, Men's Night, 26 Feb, Grades 5-6, 26 March, Music Department; 23 April, Style Show; and 7 May, Eighth Grade Graduation.

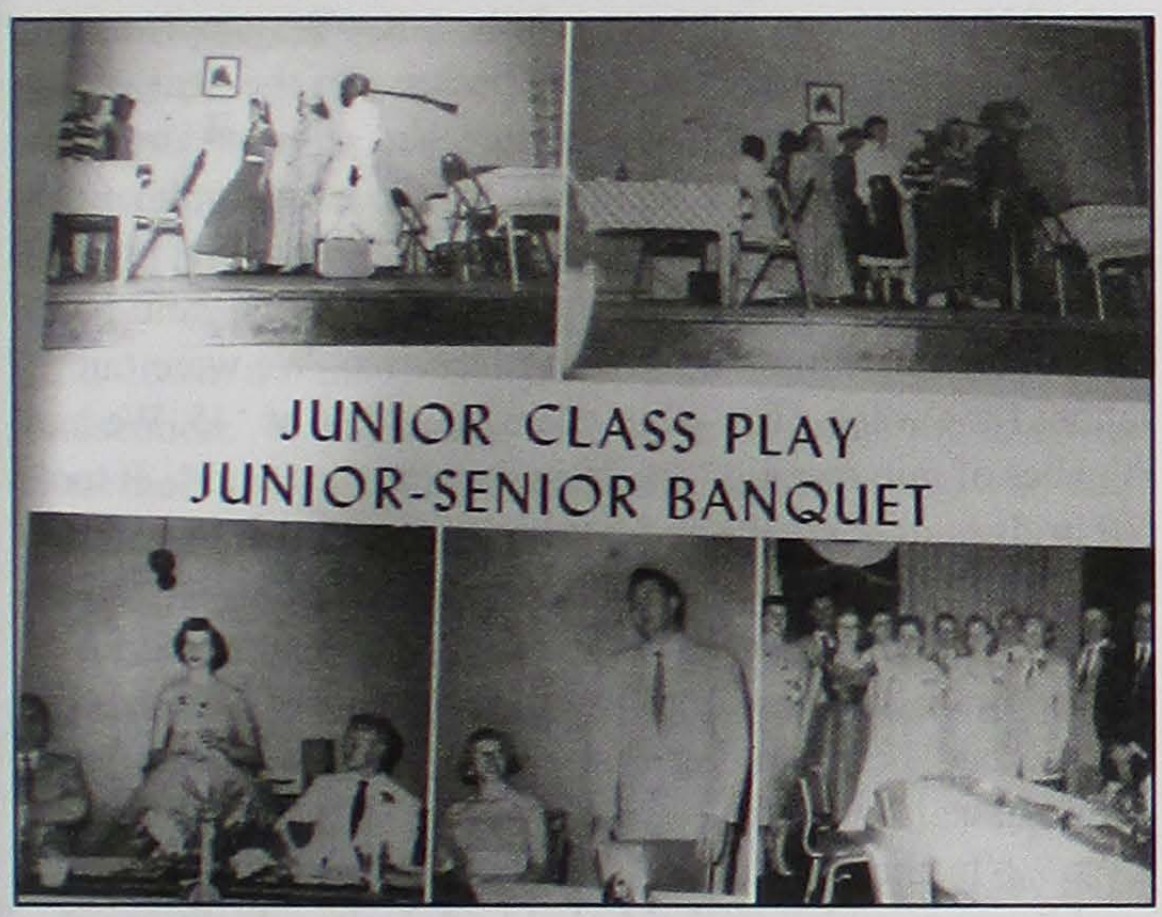
PTA Officers for the year are President, Mrs Don Book; V President, CP Thompson; Secretary, Mrs Arnold Nelson; and Treasurer, Mrs Richard Sorensen.

Slowpitch Softball Pitcher- Dale Hughes

Milford's Dale Hughes '55 started playing slowpitch softball in Central Iowa in the late sixties or sooner and quickly developed into one of the best pitchers in that region. He pitched for many teams at tournaments where he was the "guest" pitcher. Besides many local and Central Iowa Tournaments, he participated, as a pitcher, in contests at the State, Multi-State, and one National Slowpitch Tournament and won several MVP honors.

He used the same big ol glove for years. It was first used in the '76 season and by the late nineties, many entire opposing teams were younger than the age of that glove. In one game in about 2002; a young fellow hit a very hard ball right back at him and he snagged it with his glove and the force of the ball broke some of the leather bindings on the glove. The batter said something like - that's what you get when you use a glove older than I am. Everyone, including Dale, thought that was funny and that's one of the things that makes the game so much fun- just the kidding around and the banter. He is still at it.

Typical Yearly Opportunity and Involvement at Milford School
All pictures from the 1957 Annual



Below; **The 1957 Bulletin Staff**

Shirley Grooms, Bernita Jacobson, and Dixie Thomas. Shirley compiled a large, very thorough scrap book for the Senior Class of 1956. Note the increase of the size of the Library behind the ladies in both this picture and the one to the right when compared to the pix from 1949. pg 93

1957 Annual Staff

Standing: Marlene Morfey, Mrs Sandell. L-R: Judith Jorgensen, Sandra Mortvedt, Arthur Borton, Barbara Sorem, Janet Rasmusson, Peter Hadley, Norman Hondred, Alan Twedt, Jimmie Thompson, Bill Thompson, Bob Jacobson.

The 1957 Newspaper Staff.

The 1957 Librarians

Sandra Mortvedt, Janet Rasmusson, and Mrs Lois Sandell in the northwest corner of the Study Hall

Steve Lekwa, Story County Conservation Officer wrote the following information in late May of 2007:

(Edit: Steve reported after the following was written that the 2007 crest did exceed that of 1996)

"The flood of '96 is still the highest flood on record for the South Skunk near Ames. This spring's (2007) flood is second highest, and 1993 is third.

"The Izaak Walton League managed a recreation area below the old mill dam in the 1930's

'The Iowa Conservation Commission purchased 18 acres from the Arrasmith's as a river access area after WW2 and transferred ownership to Story County in 1962.

"The original mill stone (from Soper's Mill) was displayed at the site for many years, but was later taken to the Izaak Walton Park east of Ames. Story County Conservation found it there, had it restored by Nevada Monument, and now displays it at McFarland Park.

'The WPA built a low head dam at the west end of Soper's Mill some time in the 1930's. The dam was washed out by the 1950's, but an old pipe that was part of the dam remains.

"Story County Conservation and the Iowa DNR built a riffle dam near the canoe access point first in around 1990. It was rebuilt and improved in 2006 as a fish habitat improvement.

"The first 93 acres of McFarland Park was purchased from the McFarland family in 1969 with additional purchases in later years that brought the park to its current total of over 200 acres. Active land acquisition from willing sellers for a Skunk River Greenbelt followed, and continues today as willing sellers and funding are available. The SRGB is not continuous from Ames to Story City as the original plan proposed, but contains over 800 acres. Trails exist where there is enough public land to make construction worthwhile. The SRGB was begun as an alternative to the proposed Skunk River Reservoir by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The project would have flooded most of the valley from just NE of Ames to Story City. The project was deauthorized by Congress several years ago, and SCCB is attempting to obtain the now surplus federal land.

"SCCB has acquired several prairie wetland remnants in Milford Twp and manages them for wildlife habitat. They include the 10 acre Cooper's Prairie Marsh in Sect. 21, the 12 acre Larson Marsh in Sect. 34, and the 65 acre Jim Ketelsen Greenwing Marsh in Sect. 31. Countless other wetlands were drained to make farming possible. Several other prairie pothole wetlands remain in private hands, and at least one 40 acre site has seen extensive prairie and wetland restoration by its owner in recent years. The I-35 Prairie View Area was created by the IDOT in 1967 as a likely lake overlook when it was assumed the reservoir would be built. It contains both native remnant and reconstructed prairie, a hiking trail, and the still beautiful view across the valley. Locals sometimes referred to it as "Ladybird Lookout", a reference to First Lady Johnson's national roadside beautification campaign. SCCB manages the prairie remnants and trail for the IDOT, and has done so for over 20 years."

Edit: McFarland Park occupies about 253 acres in the south of Sec 7 and Soper's Mill is in the NE of the NW of Sec 7. The Isaac Walton League has about 70 acres in the middle of Sec 36 of Franklin Twp. Max Arrasmith had a nice sized gravel pit in the NW of Sec 7 of Milford Twp.

Glen Egland '43 writes: "In 1931 I moved with my parents and older brother from Jewell, Ia, to a farm in Milford Twp, the School was a 12 yr School, (NO kindergarten in those days) with no town around. Therefore it was Milford Twp Consolidated School with addresses of six different towns. All Farm Ground.

"I went 12 yrs at Milford but one classmate, Salley Hansen, and myself were the only two in our class of 10 that started and ended there. The reason for that was most farms were rented, so every March 1st there was a lot of moving to different farms in and out of the Twp. We were lucky because Dad's Uncle was "well to do" so he let Dad farm it for about 18 years.

"There are three yrs I remember especially. 1934 and 1936 summers were especially hot. We slept on the porch or in the yard some nights because of the heat. I am not sure of the year ?1936? but we had a snowstorm one winter. Our road had a snowdrift on the road south of our house that was so bad it took the County snowplow plus 10 or 12 men with shovels all night to clear a one lane path. They worked with moonlight and lanterns. We were out of school for a week. The other years was 1944 or '45. We had 8 inches of rain one night and 6 inches the next night. It took out bridges over creeks and washed out roads. It took fence lines wire and posts 1/2 to 3/4 mile in one string. We had a bridge over our creek, after the rain it was in the middle of the road a half mile away. It was under water there, and if anyone had been driving that night I can't imagine what would have happened.

"In the high school class rooms, with the great assembly room which probably held 50 desks which was the whole High School- 4 Classes. As you went from grade to grade you worked your way closer to the door that went to the hall. When I graduated I got a desk 3rd from the door. That made me a big wheel for 1 year out of 12 years.

"Milford had a big turnover of Supts and Teachers also. They would move on to bigger schools and town schools, or the Lady teachers would get married. They couldn't teach in those days if they were married. Some would get married out of the County so they could finish the year. But, we had a lot of good teachers and Supts. My first Supt was Mr Morgan. He controlled that school with an iron will, plus his paddle which a lot of the high school boys felt. "Bend over and grab your ankles" was his command, not a request. You have to remember the boys were tough farm

kids, not mean but ornery. I was in the lower grades when he was there. Our classroom doors had a glass transom above the door and you never knew when you looked up Mr Morgan was looking in that little window. I shrunk down in my seat until I was 2 inches high. But he cared about us and so did the teacher. If you were brave enough to ask for help most of them would sit with you at your desk and help you. These were the old wide desks 2 people could sit in them, open on both sides.

"One mile east of the school was what we called the pea vinery. The peas grew on vines which were cut and windrowed with a mower pulled by 2 horses. The peas were cut in the morning and hopefully harvested the same day to keep them fresh. One year I helped a neighbor work all night to get theirs in because of rain. We started at six at night, dinner at midnight and supper at six in the morning. We worked in the field by moonlight and kerosene lanterns. The vinery had electricity to run the machinery. The vines were stacked outside, then the farmers who had peas would haul them home to feed the livestock as they needed. The vines, with the pods, were pitched by fork into the hulling machine which shelled the peas. The peas went through different size screens to make each batch the same large, medium or small. They were boxed and hauled to the Canning factory 6 miles north to the small town of Roland. The factory there provided jobs for a lot of people in the area. It was a short season so the factory worked up to 20 hours a day. Shutting down to clean, then go again.

"For entertainment in the summer we had Dayton's Park. It was a Dance Hall 3 miles west of the School at a "T" intersection. It was pretty wide open as far as the law was concerned. The County Sheriff was the only one who had jurisdiction there, and unless things got too wild they stayed away. We didn't go there until we were a Jr or a Senior and we had people from all the town around there, so there were disagreements about boys and girls, but usually it was settled with fists- not knives and guns.

"Our big entertainment except sports was PTA. Everyone participated in PTA night once a month. All the parents, teachers, and students attended. The entertainment was spread around. We had plays, bands, etc, from 1st grade to Seniors. The parents also put on plays which were very entertaining. One time the adults play was about school kids and teacher. My Father was 6'4" tall, he played the Schoolmarm in the play, because he was taller than the kids. My Mom made a skirt for him that went to the floor. I still have a picture of him that looks so real my descendents don't believe that was Grandpa "Cap" Casper Egland. See page 246.

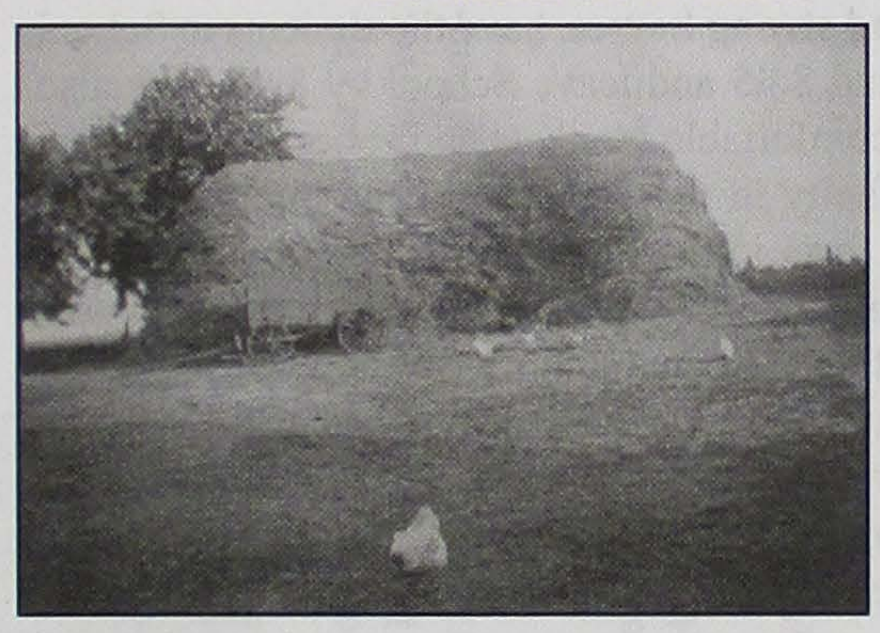
"Another thing going back to the 1930s was the buses. I never had to walk to school through rain, Snow and sleet and hail and heat. I rode the bus. The buses were pulled by a team of horses at first, and driven by High School boys who lived as far from the school as their age could handle the team. When I started people who had a truck would take their box off and put a bus on their chassis for the school year. High School Boys drove the busses all twelve years for me. I don't remember any accidents except sliding off the road occasionally. This still happens The old busses were different- a row of seats on each side facing each other. Then in the middle was a long narrow bench which the younger kids had to straddle. The older ones would torment them sometimes by kicking them in the feet and legs. Boy, was I glad when I got old enough to sit on the side.

"When I think back it was a great life at good old Milford University, as we later called it after it was closed."

Glen Egland 1931-1943.

From the Paper of 5 Sept 1944: Leiut. Wm L. "Bill" Sharpe, graduate of the Milford Consolidated School, who had been returned from England for Officers Training is expected in Nevada today for a visit at the James Curtis home and with other relatives and friends. He will be here but a few days. Lieut. Sharpe has been at Edgewood Arsenal, Md. Camp Seibert Ala, Camp Robert, Calif and Camp Carson, Colo., during his period of a year and a half since coming back from England. He is again expecting overseas duty.

Beautiful Strawstack



It took a true artist to stack a pile of straw in this manner as it was coming from the blower of a threshing machine. Chances are high that someone had to be up on the stack,in the dust and chaff, stacking all the time. Most times the straw was not stacked in this manner but simply in a pile. Note the chickens cleaning up the spilled oats and bugs. The wagon gives a good porportional size. Picture from mid forties in southern Milford Twp.

Longevity in Milford Twp

Ted Molde and Iva Manley have lived the longest known lives of all Milfordites.

Ted Molde
1888-1988

Iva Lovall Manley
5 Aug 1905- Current

7th and 8th grade Basketball in 1951: Front: Duane Brodie, Ron Otto, Dale Carsrud, David Allen, Dale Hughes. Back: Loyd Hughes, Ed Needham, Wilbert Hadley, Larry Miller, Earl Jones, Coach Mr Paul. Dale, David and-Dale are in the eighth grade and the other fellows are in the seventh. Looks like "Shirts against the Skins".

1928-'29 School Bus Wagon Driver's Contract

There's not a lot of details but what's there is interesting. The driver, a lady, for route five, was to **furnish a team of safe and strong horses**, have the students to School between 8:30 and 8:45 and leave School by 3:45. She also was to supply comfortable blankets and robes, refrain from the use of profanity in the presence of the pupils, not use tobacco in any form in the presence of the pupils, not race the busses and use them for no other purpose. She could wait no longer than three minutes at any home and was supposed to "blow a whistle at each home" There's no mention of the distance to be traveled or the number of pupils to be carried, or who has to supply the hay or a bobsled. For this the Board, with Carl Warren as President, would pay her $48 a month.

* Pull, Buddy, Pull *

I can't vouch for the authenticity of this report but it came from a normally "reliable source" - An old timer from Milford Township.

The young Milford Bus Driver had his bus mired down in the mud and one of Milford's resourceful farmers just happened to come by with his big strong horse-Buddy.

He hitched ol' Buddy up to the bus and shouted to the horse, "Pull, Nellie, pull". Buddy didn't move.

Then the farmer shouted, "Pull, Barney, pull!" Again Buddy didn't move.

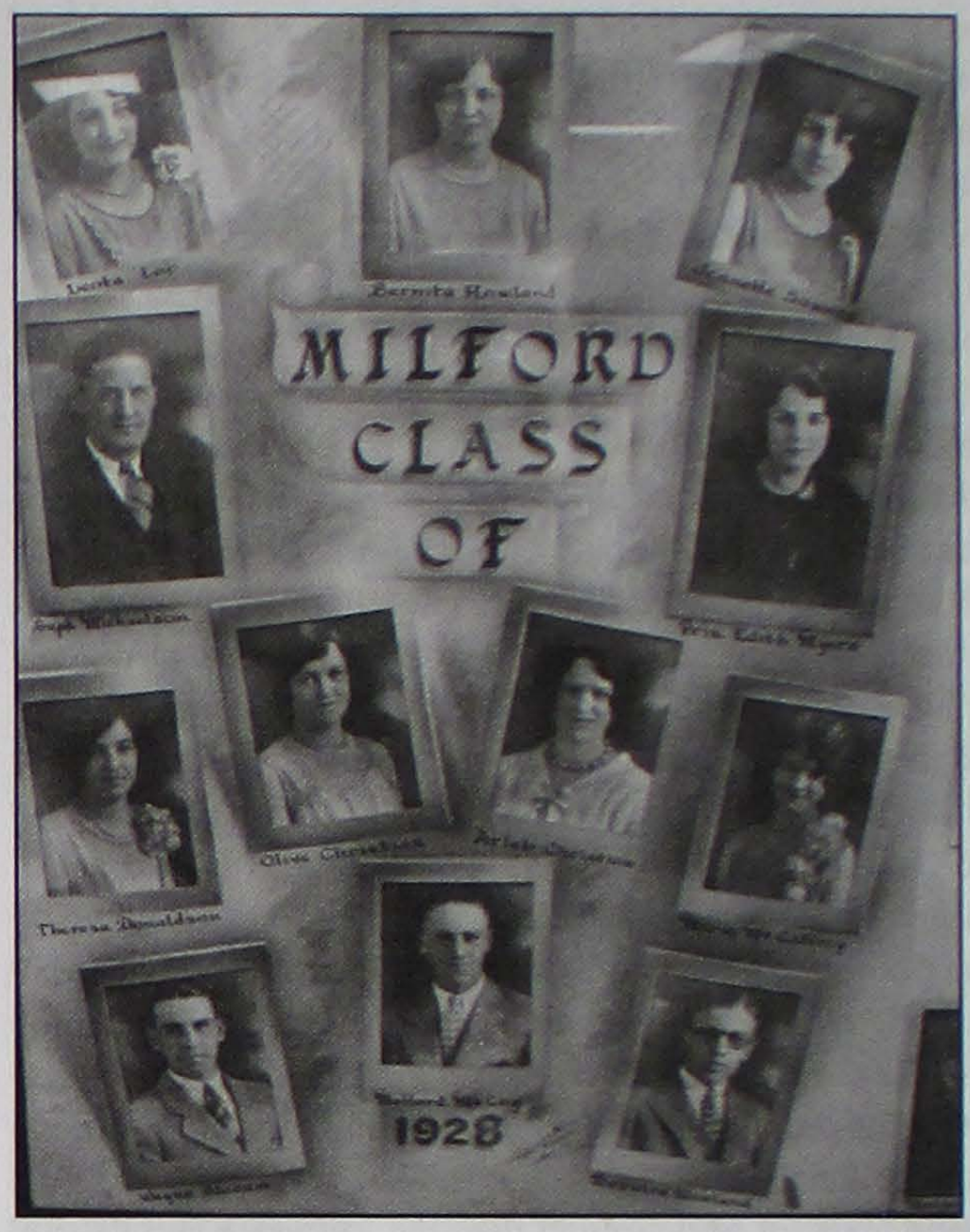
Then the farmer casually said, "Pull, Buddy, pull" and Buddy easily pulled the bus out of the mud hole.

The young bus driver was very appreciative and very curious and asked the farmer why he had twice deliberately called his horse by the wrong name.

The farmer replied that Buddy is blind and if he had thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't have even tried.

Graduating Classes from 1928- 1961

1927, 1932, 1949, 1961 on Pages 187 and 188



Notice: Photos not in original position.

Above: 1928 Top: Leota Lee, Bernita Howland, Jeanette Sowers. 2nd: Supt Mickelson, Prin Edith Myers. 3rd:Theresa Donaldson, Olive Christian, Arlet Christian, Marie McCaffrey. Bottom: Wayne Slocum, Millard McCoy, Bernice Howland.

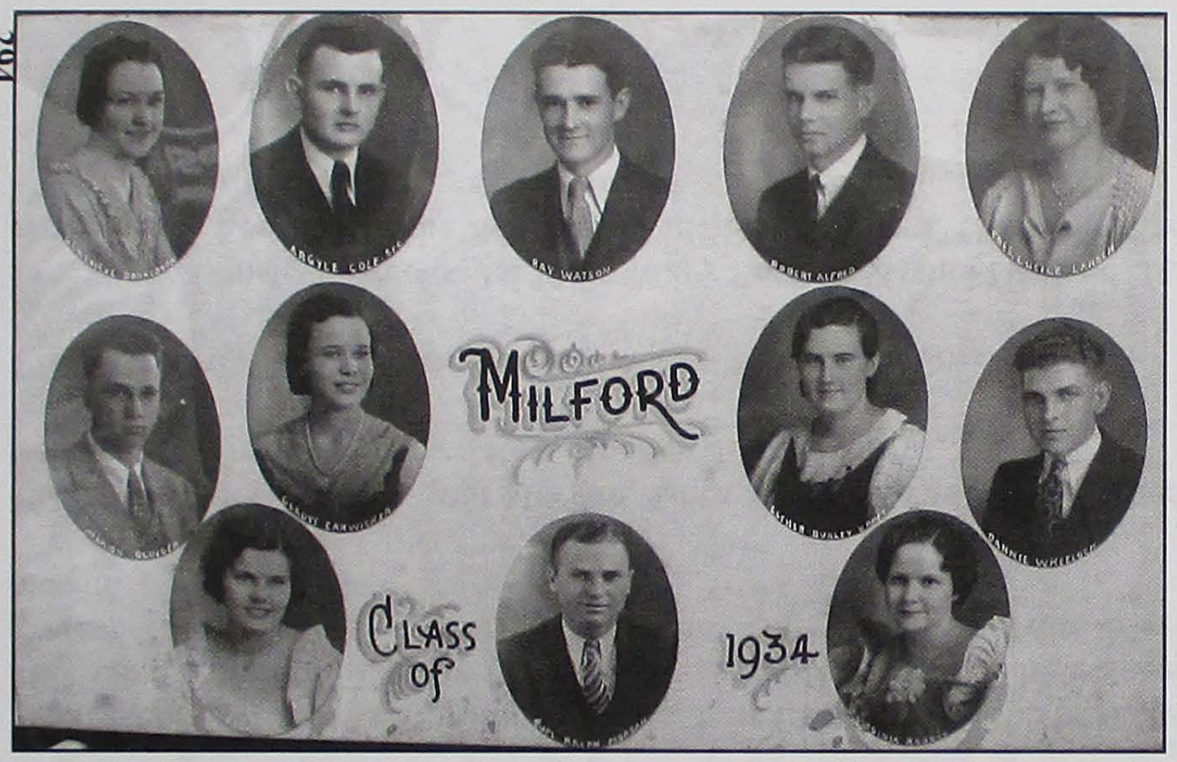
Left: 1929 Top: Supt Weyrauch, 2nd: Viola Danielson, Ruth Durby, Virginia Donaldson. 3rd: Ethel Burley, Kimball Peterson, Virgil Burley. 3rd: Emarine Sloan. Bottom: Marion Gilreath, Helen Gaffrey, Prin Edith

1930: Genevieve Curtis, Dorothea Kimble, Lois Cooke, Anna Hovland, Jean Fry. 2nd: Gladys Hansen, Thelma Peterson, Margaret Hereim, Elizabeth Skeers. 3rd: Eugene Thornton, Robert Harlow. 4th: Ruby Christian, Supt Pratt, Marie Donaldson.

1931: Timothy Wheelock, Supt Morgan, Edith Jacobson. 2nd: Orlene Twedt, Louise Hovland, Dorothy Sowers, Reva Rhodes, John Allen.

1932: Milford's Largest Class- 17 Graduates- See Page 187.

1933: Top: Geneieve Brooks. 1st Row: Mary Eubank, Alvina Dueland, Doris Sorensen, Ada Lee, May Jane Sorensen. 2nd: Erwin Alfred, Otis Cole. 3rd: Amil Twedt, Supt Morgan, Jeffrey Jacobson.

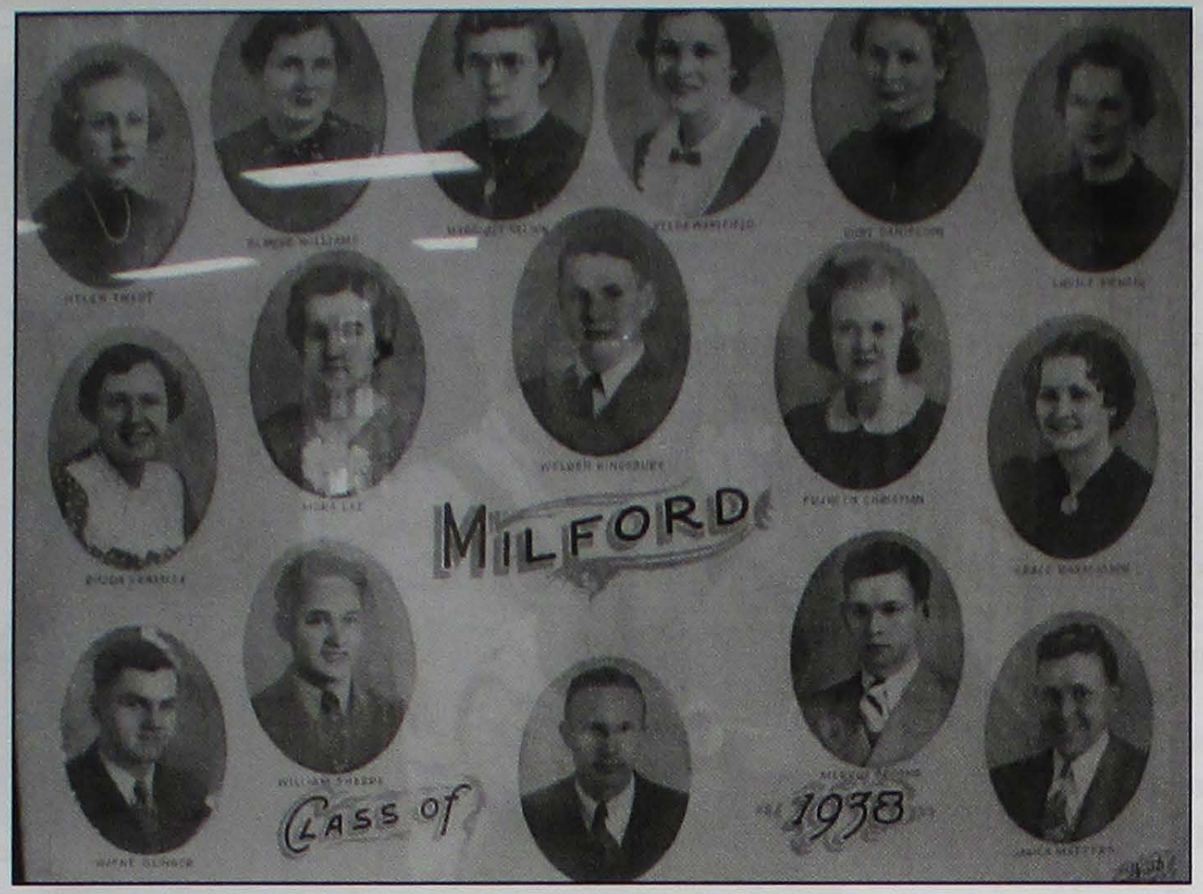


1934: Top: Genevieve Donaldson, Argyle Cole, Ray Watson, Robert Alfred, Lucile Larson. 2nd: Marion Olinger, Gladys Earwicker, Esther Burley, Dannie Wheelock. 3rd: Mary Allen, Supt Morgan, Virginia Brooks.

1935: Lucille Prescott, Ardis Jacobson, Grace Tendall, Arlene Langland Cordelia Gilreath, Ester Hovland. 2nd: Dwight Fausch, Marjorie Frey, Palma Durby, Florence Rasmusson, Esther Ersland, LaVerne Jacobson. 3rd: Myron Larsen, Robert Lawson, Supt AJ Johnson, Elmer Watson, Boyd Arrasmith.

1936: Top: Supt BG Halverson, Virgil Brooks, Betty McCord, Laverne Sorensen. 2nd: Donald Starbuck, Edward Eller, Walter Dale, Lester Shickell 3rd: Frances Rasmusson, Fay Beal, Joseph Burley, Earl Lee, Marvin Jacobson, Mary Hopper.

1937: Top: Clifford Thompson, Katherine (Not Dorothy) Tendall, Maxine Cooper, Harvey Beal. 2nd: Supt Halverson, Richard Sorensen, Edward Sorensen Lester Molde, Fred "Fritz" Eller.

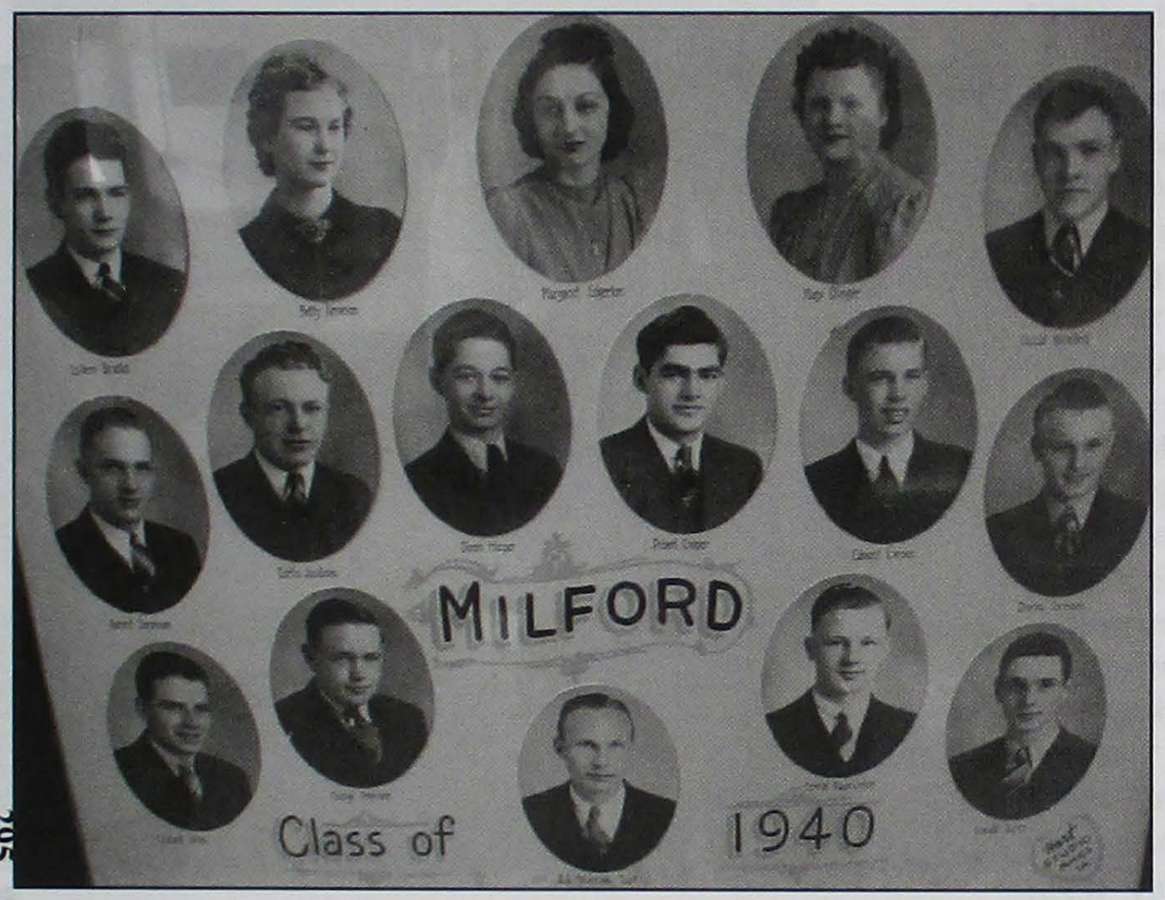


1938: Top: Helen Twedt, Blanche Williams, Margaret Nelson, Velda Wakefield, Ruby Danielson, Lucille Menzel. 2nd: Rhoda Grimsley, Mona Lee, Weldon Kingsbury, Frances Christian, Grace Rasmusson. 3rd: Wayne Olinger, William Sharpe, Supt Halverson, Mervin Brooks, James Matters.

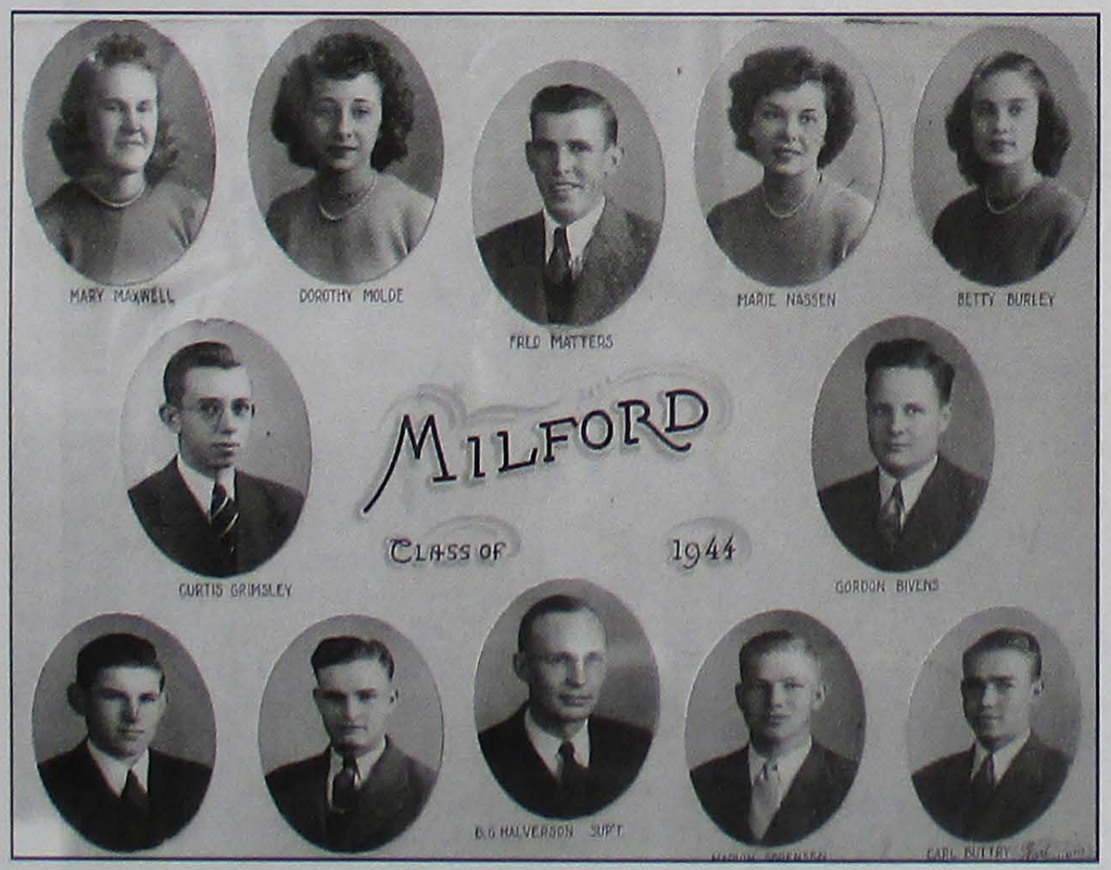
1939: Top Right, Top: Raymond Sorensen, Grace Molde, Inez Sampson, Ben Durby. 2nd: Walter Jacobson, Supt Halverson, James McCord.

1940: Top: LaVern Brooks, Betty Arneson, Margaret Edgerton, Mary Olinger, Donald Wakefield. 2nd: Kermit Sorensen, Curtis Jacobson, Dixon Harper, Robert Cooper, Edward Larsen, Charles Sorensen. 3rd: Leonard Jones, George Peterson, Supt Halverson, Donald Rasmusson, Donald Borts.

1941:Lower Right, Top: Delores Borts, Doris Bailey, Ruby Nassen, Ardyce Grimsley, Ione Sampson. 2nd: Stanley Egland. Alyce Burley. 3rd: Harlan Harper Jr, Forest "Pete" Jones, Supt Halverson, Arnold Nelson, Kermit Molde.



1942: Top: Myrtle Nassen, Evelyn Anderson, Doris Jacobson, Beulah Walston, Kathline Matters. 2nd: Junior Wakefield, Leo Tjelmeland. 3rd: Arnold Munson, Billy Christy, Supt Halverson, Richard Comfort, Julius Johnson.
1943: Top: Glen Egland, Donald Halverson, Dorothy Harper, Supt Halverson. 2nd: Harold Tjelmeland, Darlene Morris, Jeanne Stratton, Sally Hansen, Glen Sampson. 3rd: Earl Johnson, Raymond Tendall.



1944: Top: Mary Maxwell, Dorothy Molde, Fred Matters, Marie Nassen, Betty Burley. 2nd: Curtis Grimsley, Gordon Bivens. 3rd Russell Clark, Merril Johnson, Supt Halverson, Marvin Sorensen, Carl Buttry.
1945: Top: Madeline Huschka, Lois Sorensen, Isabelle Brooks, Katherine Olinger. 2nd: Clayton Clifford, Arlene Williams, Wesley Warren, Wallace Tjelmeland.

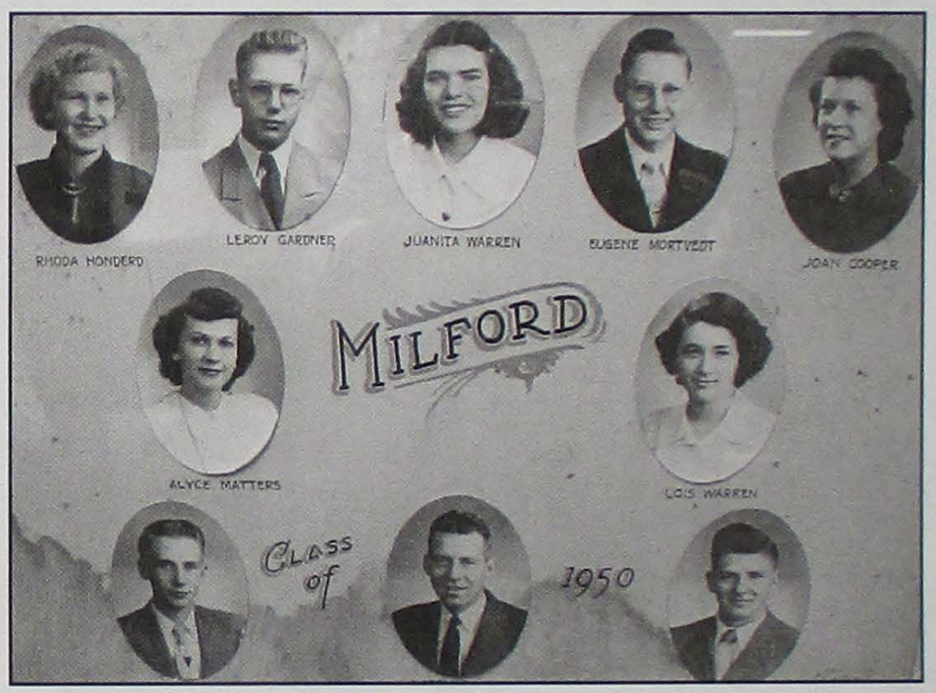
1946 (Left) Top: Loren Rierson, Ila Bailey, Barbara Hansen, Roger Harper. 2nd: Patty Allen, Lendell Manley, Margaret Matters. 3rd: Robert Watson, Marvis Warren, Shirley Gardner, Donald Morfey.

1947 (Right) Top: Kenneth Watson, Dorothy Tendall, Stanley Sorem, Richard Stevenson. 2nd: Joe Harper, Harriet Comfort, Lola Mae Tjelmeland, Richard Couser. 3rd: Supt Swim, Millard Anderson.

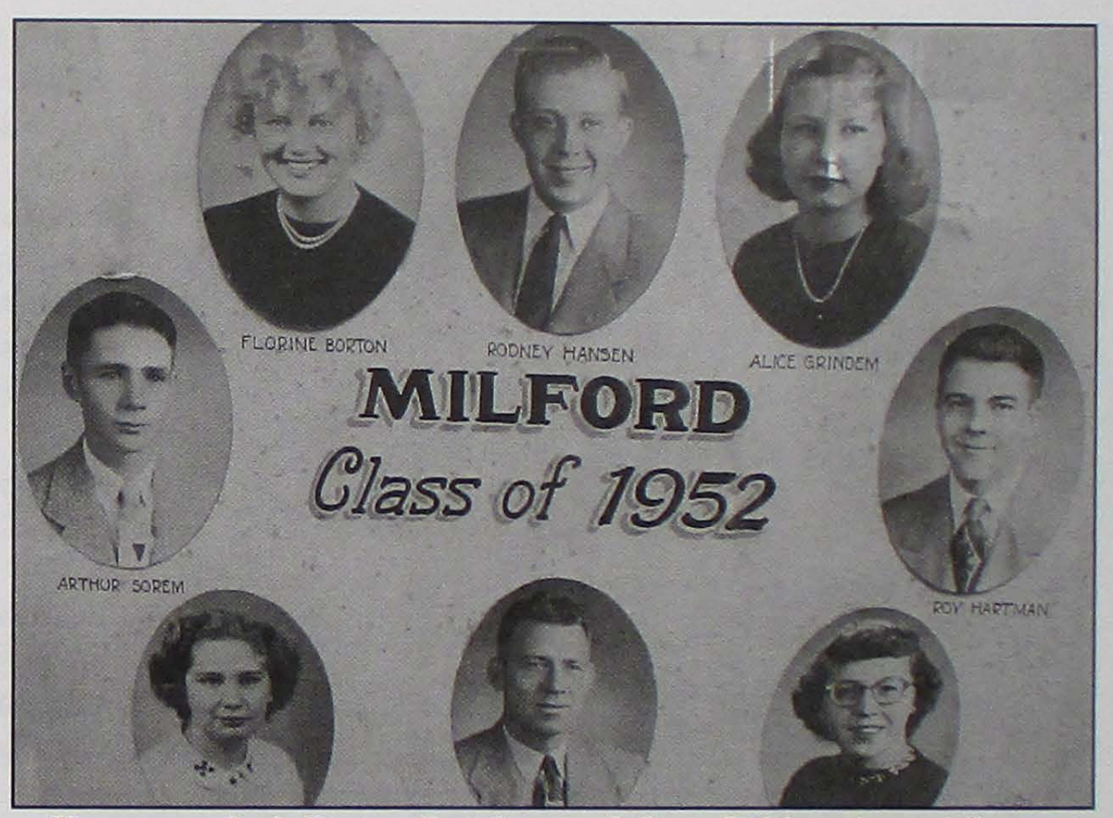
1948 (Left) Top: Gloria Warren, Bill Allen, Joan Sorensen, 2nd: Wanda Rierson, Marie Latham, Phyllis Gardner. 3rd: Supt Swim, Richard Warren.

1949: Milford's Smallest Class-4 Boys. See Page 188.

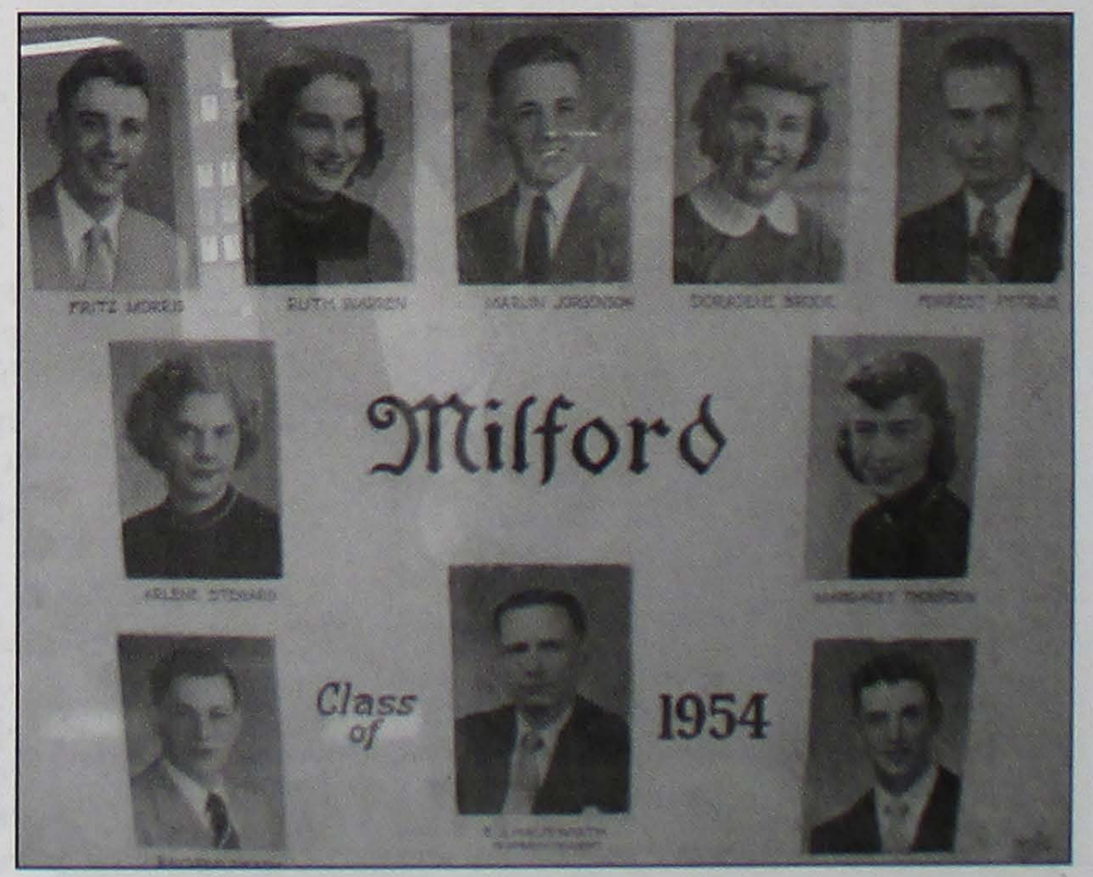
1950 (Right) Top: Rhoda Honderd, LeRoy Gardner, Juanita Warren, Eugene Mortvedt, Joan Cooper. 2nd: Alyce Matters, Lois Warren. 3rd: Richard Sorem, Supt Baldus, Dan Needham.

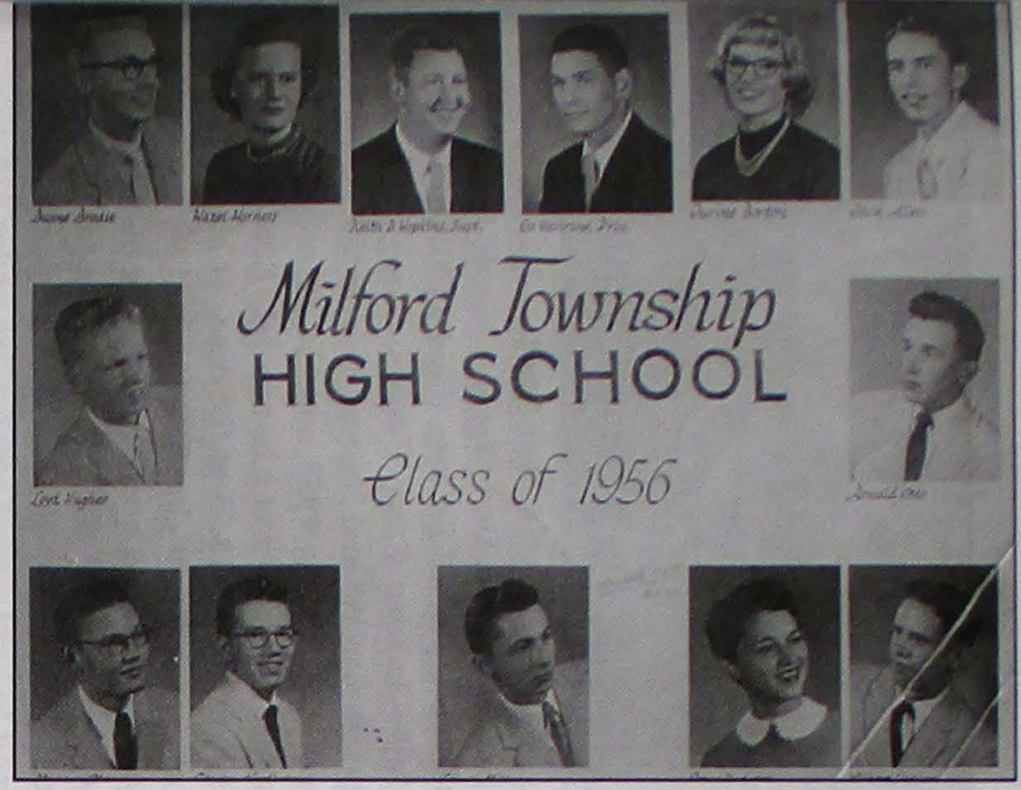


1951 (Top Left): Top: Robert Williams, John Wakefield, Patsy Manley, Larry Roberts, Marvin "Dean" Crowe. 2nd: Robert Latham, Supt Baldus, Jerry Jacobson.

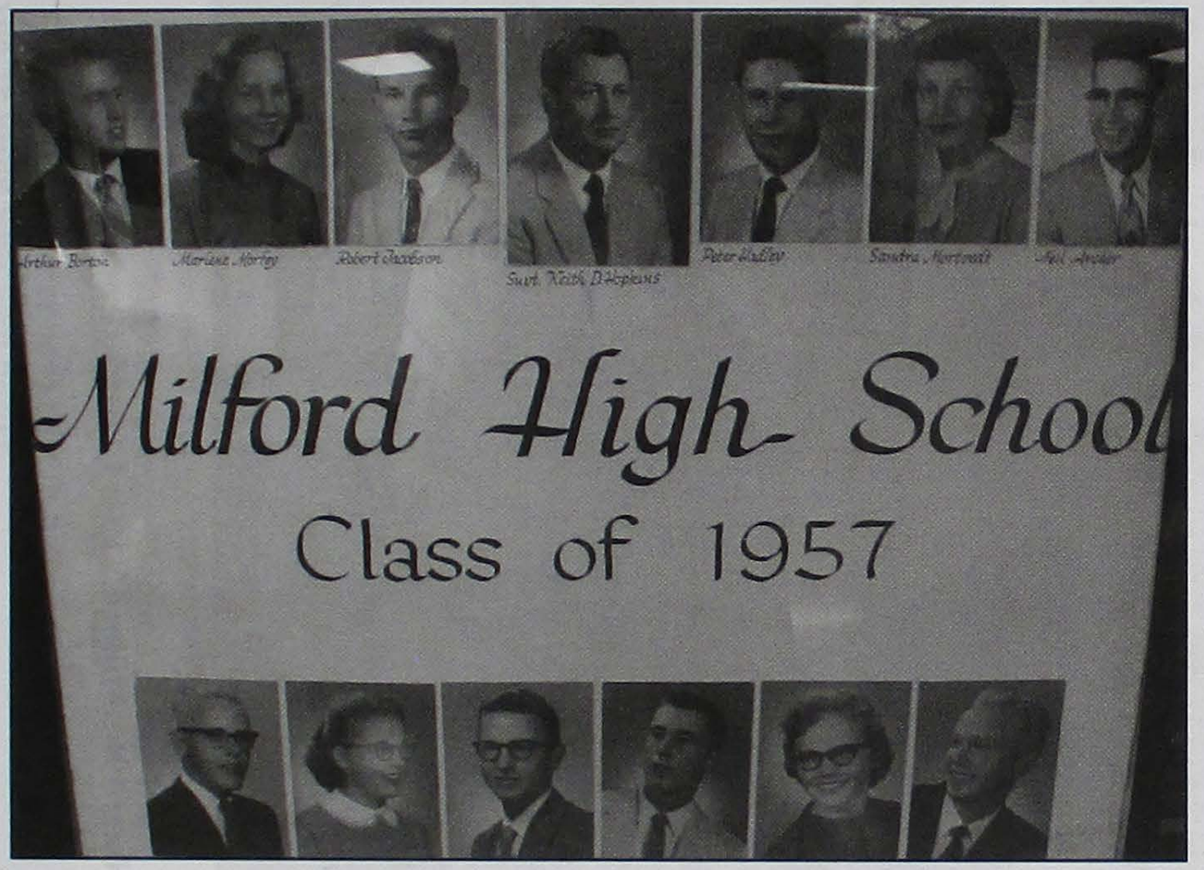


1952 Top Right: Arthur Sorem, Florine Borton, Rodney Hansen, Alice Grindem, Roy Hartman. 2nd: Donna Rae Steward, Supt Baldus, Anne Allen.
1953 Lower Left: Top: Dick Thompson, Helen Horness, Marlene Jacobson, Junior Kuhns. 2nd: Dick Roberts, Supt Hauswirth, Norman Hauswirth.
1954 Lower Right: Top: Hugh "Fritz" Morris, Ruth Warren, Marlin Jorgensen, Doradene Brodie, Forrest Petrus. 2nd: Arlene Steward, Margaret Thompson. 3rd: Raymond Thomas, Supt Hauswirth, Clarion Thompson.





1955 (Upper Left) Top: Georgia Roberts, Supt Hopkins, Prin Ev Cochrane, Elizabeth Haugland. Lower: Dale Hughes, Shirley Molde, Alice Hansen, Donna Sorem, David Allen.
1956 (Upper Right) Top: Duane Brodie, Hazel Horness, Supt Keith Hopkins, Prin Ev Cochrane, Jurine Borton, Jack Allen.Middle: Loyd Hughes, Ronald Otto. Lower: Vernon Olson, Edwin Needham, Larry Miller, Irene Hodgson, Wilbert Hadley. **1957 (Lower Left) Top: Athur Borton, Marlene Morfey, Robert Jacobson, Supt Keith Hopkins, Peter Hadley, Sandra Mortvedt, Neil Archer. Lower: AlanTwedt, Judith Jorgensen, Jimmie Thompson, William Thompson, Barbara Sorem, Norman Honderd.** **1958 (Lower Right) Top: Marcia Jacobson, Charles Larson, Supt CP Thompson, Prin Lou Schrader, Earl Otto, Janet Rasmusson. Lower: Patricia Haugland, Rita Thomas, Eddie Allen, Roger Thompson, Doris Pauley, Shirley Grooms.**

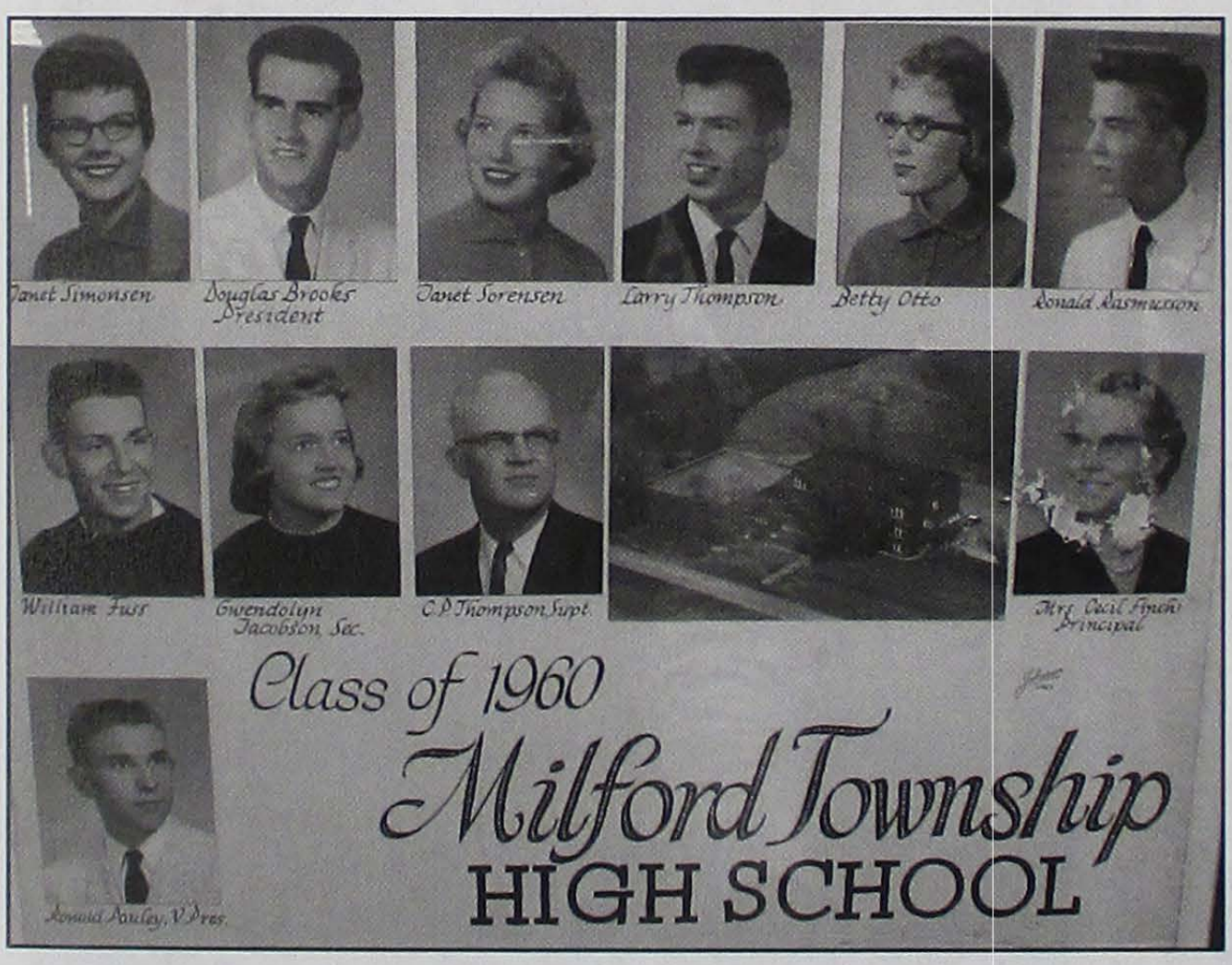


1959 (Above) Top: Connie Petersen, Nadine Safly, Ronnie Strother, Julie Cox, Sharyl Buchanan. Middle Dick Thompson, Supt CP Thompson, Sponsor Rodger Pitstick, William Jacobson. Lower: David Bhend, Norene Hughes, Jerry Book, Geraldine Fitzgerald.

A War Bond

Nevada Banker, Don Warnke, hands Pres Jurine Borton '56 a $25 Savings Bond as Milford Merry Maids Leader Edna Hughes, along with Janet Rasmusson '58 and Norene Hughes '59, smiles approval. It was in 1953 and the 12 members had earned the money at a box social. Edit: The bond probably cost $18.75 at the time. It almost seems unbelievable now that $18.75 could be such a big deal as to "buy a bond" and have a picture in the newspaper when a single meal at a fancy restaurant nowadays could cost that much and it is difficult to keep a meal cost for two under $20.

1960 (Below) Top: Janet Simonsen, Douglas Brooks, Janet Sorensen, Larry Thompson, Betty Otto, Ronald Rasmusson. Middle: William Fuss, Gwendolyn Jacobson, Supt CP Thompson, Prin Mrs Cecil Finch. Lower: Ronald Pauley.



Note: 1961 Milford's Last Class- 7 Graduates- Page 188.

This is the Pleasant Grove gravestone of Wesley Arrasmith, one of the earliest men to arrive in the Milford area. He held land patents on 4-40 acre plots in the area, less than a mile, northeast of Pleasant Grove. They were the NW/NW (1854), SW/NW (1854), SE/NW (1855), and NE/SW (1858) forties of Sec 5. Some of this land is "under" I-35 now. When he arrived he was a neighbor of the Brouhards (The Brouhard Cemetery), one of the most early gentlemen in NW Story County. The Arrasmith family has had a representative in NW Milford almost continuously since that time and, in the late forties and early fifties, had a gas station across the road south of Milford School. Max Arrasmith's ('32) Mother, at one time, lived in the nice house that is visible "up the hill" to the left in the Soper's Mill picture on page 49.

Hardwood Gym Floor

Jimmy Thompson ('57) reports that there is a sign in one of the more well known drinking establishments in Des Moines that reads-- this hardwood floor was originally in the Milford Township Consolidated School near Nevada, Iowa. He reports that some of the court markings are still there for the viewing. These markings are not correlated to represent any combination of lines that would represent any significance to a basketball court. They are simply lines that were not sanded out when the floor was re-laid in Des Moines. These are the boards from the original floor of 1924 and not the ones from the 1956 construction. It would appear there are some of the trim boards from the risers (used on the south side of the gym to elevate the rows of chairs) also in use around the edge of the brewery split level floor.

So, if you want to see the floor of our school, go to the Raccoon River Brewery in Des Moines, Iowa. It may bring tears to your eyes, or, on the other hand, it may make you happy that something is being constructively used from our school.

PTA Presidents gathering in the fifties, probably 1956. Standing: Edna Hughes 1945, Irene Jacobson 1950, Verna Borton 1948, Mary Allen, Casper Egland, Myron Boten 1942, Jeffery Rasmusson, Frances Danielson, Dawn Jorgensen, Helen Sorenson 1958. Seated: U, Martha Sowers 1925, Jenny Christy. Others known are; George Kimble 1931, Mrs Don Finch 1932, JC Ersland 1933, Vivian Cole 1957, and Pauline Book 1959.

The fellows do their rendition of a chorus line at Mrs Sandell's 1954 Style show. Apparently she didn't know just how authentically the guys were going to be attired and outfitted, but everyone had a good laugh. That's Fritz Morris '54, Norman Honderd '57, Clarion Thompson '54, Ray Thomas '54, Duane Brodie '56, and Ron Otto '56.

This is the gravestone in Pleasant Grove Cemetery of James B Swearingen and his wife Emily. He was the last owner of Soper's Mill when it was still capable of being used as a Mill. It was he who had the Mill moved back from its Riverfront location and converted into a barn. This early spring shot from 2007 is almost a opposite view angle from the WWI era picture on page 59 and, if Pleasant Grove School were still in existence, it would be right above the top left of Swearingen's Monument. The tall Randau monument is visible in both photos. Edit: The Swearingen name is not to be confused with the Schweringer (of which there seemed to be about four different spellings) name of the 1860 fire.

Pleasant Grove Cemetery
Dale Hughes '55 at the Spencer Monument Jan 2007.
For Spencer story see page 71.

Ol' Milford Farmer say: Best to be in grave yard when you're using your own power.

Above: This home, one of D.O Christy's homes, was just a quarter mile to the east of the School on the north side of the road. It was torn down in the late fifties or early sixties. The view, probably from WWI era, is to the north in a late fall. The people are unidentified.

News from the Pleasant Grove Community

In 1896, Charlie Campbell's little boy was almost killed when a wagon load of oats was backed over him. This was near the Pleasant Grove Church.

Also, in the Pleasant Grove area, in 1897, a new bridge was built over Keigley Branch just west of Soper's Mill.

Unusual 1936 Milford Basketball Program

The Milford basketball squads divided a triple program with the Shipley clubs on the Shipley court.

The Milford first string defeated the Shipley regualrs 23-11 and the Milford second string won over the Shipley seconds 20-9. The first game of the evening featured the Jr High lads and Shipley won 27-8

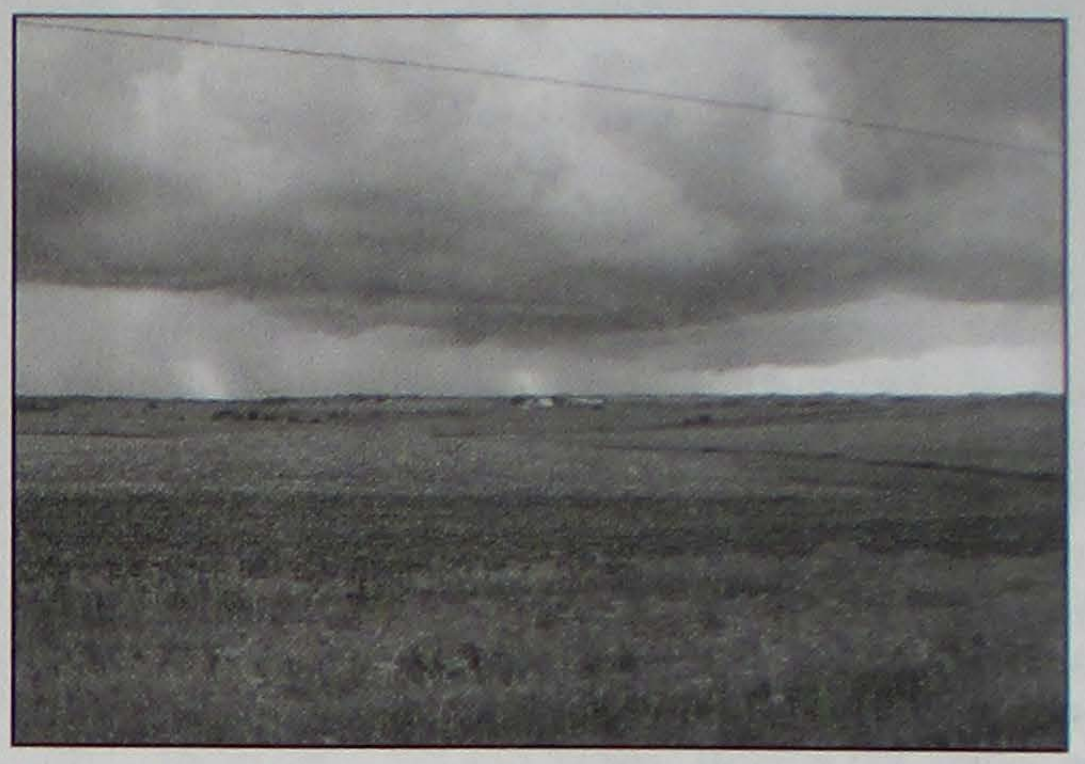
Good Neighbor Deeds:

On several occasions, when there is a great need for some of the farm work to be done on a man's farm and he is unable to complete the task because of ill health or injury, neighbors have congregated with their equipment to do the task for the him.

In April of 1956 more than 33 farmers with their tractors, plows and disks got together and helped Rex Hughes, who had been in the hospital following a cancer operation, get his spring field work done. At least 8 ladies joined in efforts in the kitchen to serve meals.

In the spring of 1962(?) Roy Borton had a bunch of fat steers trapped in a barn that collapsed due to a high wind. Neighbors gathered with loaders and trucks to attempt to recue those animals that could be saved and get the ones that couldn't be saved to the butchers.

In the fall of 1998, neighbors got together and harvested Loyd Hughes' crops when he was physically unable to do so because of advanced cancer.



An early spring shower dampens the Iowa countryside.

At the Tendall Farm looking to the south on R77 at the high water in the June of '98. Occasionally water would go over the road at this location. Years ago the road used to circumvent this low area by going to the west a few hundred feet and then crossing back to the Section Line. The Tendall Farm was one mile east and 1 3/4 mile north of Milford School.

While the 1920 reorganization was going on and a problem developed concerning the Randau School (No 4) in Sec 18 being moved, William Randau was the farmer who strongly felt his property rights were being violated. In 1921 he was elected Chairman of the Board of Story County Supervisors with the townships divided into districts among the supervisors. He was responsible for Lafayette, Franklin, Milford, Washington, Nevada and the court house grounds.

Ol' Milford Farmer try to remember: You can't unsay a cruel word.

In early February of 1956, Mr and Mrs Harold Matters of Ames, parents of Fred Matters '44, etc, took the Story County Boys Basketball Champions, Milford Bulldogs, to a supper at the Breese House in Ankeny. Coach and Mrs Cochran and the Milford Cheerleader attended.

The Matters, who used to live in Milford Twp, had five youngsters who graduated from Milford. All but one of the five played on previous Milford Teams.

The Roy Bortons would also occasionally have suppers for the teams of the early and mid '50s.

On 7 Jan 1955, in a regular season game against Maxwell at Milford, Jurine Borton, who lead the Girls' scoring, was held to just one field goal for the entire game, however she scored 21 points simply from the free throw line for an evenings production of 23 points. She fouled out with "charging' fouls. Hazel Horness had 20 points on 8 field goals and 4 free throws Milford won both games that evening. This also was the evening Dale Hughes set his personal career high scoring record of 37 points on 11 field goals and 15 free throws, making 11 in a row at one point. He spent the last 2 1/2 minutes on the bench because Coach Cochrane was afraid he would be injured by the strong, concentrated defensive attack.

Shelling Corn, Neighboring, and Rats

by Dale Hughes '55

Before the advent of the combine in the mid sixties with its ability to harvest and shell in one operation, there was a process of shelling corn from the corncrib. This involved a man with a corn sheller and a crew of fellows to pull the corn into the drag which put the ear corn into the machine. My brother, Loyd, and myself had such a machine and for a few years in the early sixties we shelled corn for many of the neighbors. The self propelled combine went from being a relative rarity in the very late fifties to complete domination by the mid sixties. This shelling season was one of the times in which the fellows got together and "neighbored"; you'd help one neighbor and he'd help you when the sheller man got to your place. Typically there'd be a crew of 4 to 6 fellows to feed the drag, a truck driver or two and the shellerman. Rarely it was that money exchanged hands. The sheller man got paid but most of the labor was "swapped". Most often the lady of the house would prepare a meal for the crew but occasionally the farmer would treat the crew to a meal in town. Once in a while two or three ladies would get together and prepare a dinner (noon meal) for the crew but this was not too common.

Anyhow, one summer's day in the early sixties I was at Jeffrey Jacobson's farm shelling corn. Jeffrey lived on the east side of Sec 8 and his corncrib was across the road in Sec 9. After we got set up and started the operation he and I were visiting and standing about 7 or 8 feet from side of the crib. He turned and started walking away to do some task and I stood there for about three seconds, turned a little to walk toward the front of the machine. I'd moved about two feet when I saw a black object fly by and hit the ground right where I'd been standing. It was a large rat that apparently had been up on the siding or perhaps on top of the crib and he'd jumped for the tallest object and I'd moved. Before I could react he'd recovered and scampered out of reach under the drag. I've had rats run up on my legs and one got up to my waist on my back but that would have been the first to ever have landed on my head or shoulders.

A few days later we were up at Cy Thompson's (on the south side of Sec 4) and Cy had a crib that sat right on the ground rather than up on a foundation. I noticed when we were setting up there didn't seem to be any rat sign around that one would have really expected to see under the circumstances. Jeffrey Jacobson '33 was up helping and was back in the crib with a corn rake pulling corn down so others could shovel it into drag. I was up near the machine and heard a lot of excited voices and then I got a whiff of the odor that had everyone so vocal. Jeff had sunk his rake, which was nothing more than a four tine pitchfork with the tines bent over at a 90 degree angle, into a civet cat's (spotted skunk) living room and he'd let Jeff have a spray. Talk about strong. About a minute later Jeff emerged from the crib and he really looked "green around the gills". Jeff was a good sized, very strong looking man and a person would think that nothing could have made him look the way he did, but this sure did. As the work was about 3/4 done, he went home and it, apparently, took him three or so days to "recuperate". Anyhow, this family of civet cats had really done a good job of keeping the rats away.

Jeff Jacobson 1940

This all reminds me of when my brother and I were about four and five years ('42 or '43) of age and Emory (or Amos) Jacobson, the shellerman from Roland with his green John Deere 6 sheller mounted on a red truck chassis, was down shelling my Dad's corn. Dad had very low cribs at the time (He built the very nice round-roof crib in 1948) and so it was a rat's haven. Before they got started in the morning I heard Dad tell my Mother- I don't want the boys down around there with that machinery running, but when they come down there you take and tie shoestrings around their pants legs. Couldn't imagine why but that's what he said. Dad didn't say it very often but he was a great one for saying to us boys, "I don't want you to do (such or such), but when you do-.....". Well, my brother and I waited until the men were about done and the noise had abated and then we snuck out

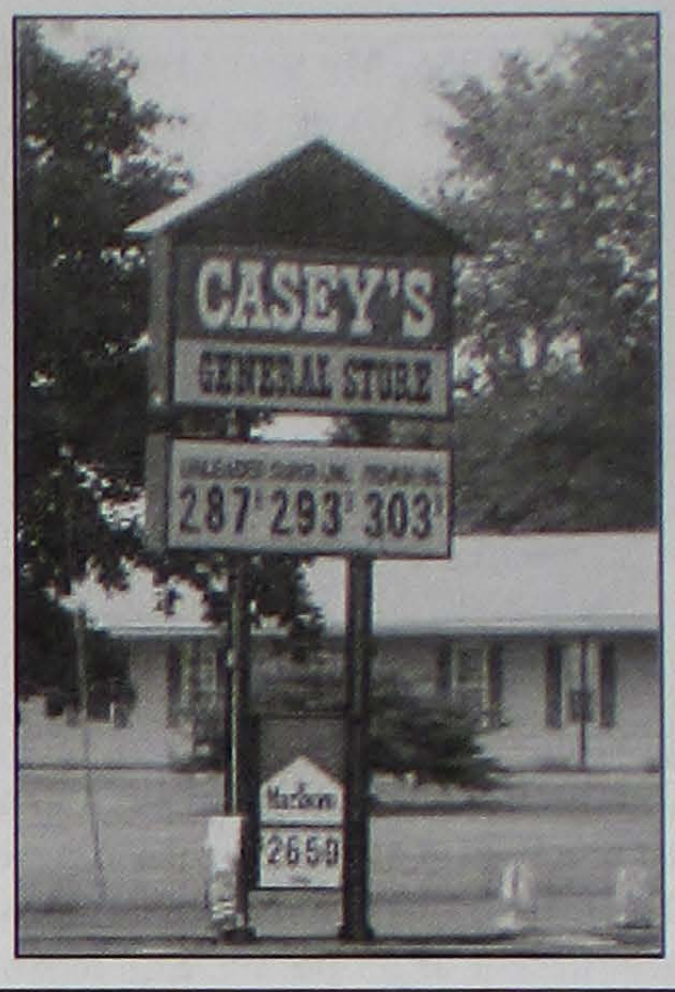
Rex Hughes 1940

and went down by the crib. There was not a sign of anyone around and we were standing about 15 feet from the northwest corner of the crib and all of a sudden here came a flock of rats, perhaps 10 to 15 around the northeast corner of the crib and they were heading our way. Right behind them came my Dad with the other fellows, Dad with a thing that looked like an axhandle and the other guys with scoop shovels. I backed up a few feet but Loyd just stood there. The flock of rats ran around the northwest corner and headed south, except for two of them. They made a beeline for Loyd and, believe it or not, one went up each pant leg. Dad was on the scene immediately, placed his ax handle across Loyd's chest to keep the rats from coming up and perhaps biting him on the neck or head and, faster than it can be told, with one sweep of his arm tore Loyd's overall off him. The rats took off for a well house nearby and the guys got one of them but the other got away. Mom emerged from the house about this time and had some choice words to say to me and Loyd including, but not limited to, "I sure hope you boys learned your lesson!" I don't know if Dad ever said anything to Mom about letting the boys come out there without shoelaces being tied around our britches at the ankles. That incident bothered me more than it did Loyd. To this day, I don't like rats.

Milo Hadley: Farming in the Thirties.

Milo Hadley, who lived a mile south of Milford and around the corner to the west, told of the winter of 1936. He talked about how hot it had been the summer before. But, once the snow flew, to get anywhere, you took a bobsled and hooked it behind the team of horses and then you could go most anywhere as the snow had drifted higher than the fences in many places and was so hard the horses wouldn't even break through. This phenomena also produced the unwanted effect that it became very difficult to keep the livestock in the pens as they could simply walk on the snow and get out of their corral. He said that even fat hogs could walk up on the snow in places.

He also told of having a truck load of fat cattle to take to market in the summer of 1935(?). He decided to take them to Chicago because there was a little better price there. He called a trucker and that trucker was more than happy to make the trip because times were tough and he needed to make a few dollars also. Milo rode in the truck to Chicago with the driver and the cattle. He got the livestock sold, finally talked money to the driver, asked how much that would be for the trucking. The trucking cost more than the check Milo got for the cattle! Milo had made his point to me that times were tough and he never added whether he was able to negotiate with the trucker or he had to sell another truck load of cattle to help pay the bill for hauling the first load to Town. That's farming. **Hadleys also on page 264.**



Not an endorsement of Caseys but simply the preservation of a moment in the spring of 2007 when gas prices were at $3.00 or less. Those prices had been a dollar lower just three months earlier. Notice, also, the price of a cartoon of cigarettes at $26.50.

Some events that cross Iowa or cross our portion of the State have come through Milford. The Des Moines Register's ride has gone through Milford once and on another occasion was one option of routes that went through Story County.

An antique tractor parade route went past the School about 2000. The antique tractor boys "nooned" on the Milford School grounds. Loren Book '64N has been on all eleven of these events. A solar powered vehicle caravan went through Milford twice. Once in the mid nineties and the other in circa 1999.

Red Cross Quota

In March of 1944 Milford township reached the quota for the Red Cross drive. With a goal of $600, Milford turned in about $700. BG Halverson was in charge and Roy Riggs, Oscar Cole, Tom Anderson, Guy Wakefield, Mac Allen, and Casper Egland provided the needed assistance. People knew of the great assistance to the War effort given by the Red Cross to families of Servicemen and to the American Servicemen held in enemy Prisoner of War Camps.

This glimpse into a Sunday afternoon travel adventure for a group of folks in the 1890's is a fantastic study in dress and a very good look at the construction of the Soper's Mill Dam. One source says that when Swearingen bought the site in 1896 he put a lot of money into the reconstruction of the dam and another source says that the Dam was reconstructed in about 1894. Which ever is correct, this photo shows a very water tight dam as the logs are not wet on the right side of the view. The size and the straightness of the logs is very impressive along with the dovetailing of the joints etc. Then it is topped with 3" planks that go back under the water so ice can slide over the dam in spring. It is fun to attempt to guess what the occasion was for this tour and where the people came from as no vehicle is visible. The fashions are very evident with the bowler hats bow ties, and the vests, and the pointed shoes. Only three fellows out of about twenty are hatless. The man with the fishing pole in the lower photo sports a watch fob and the man in the white hat appears to have a cumberbun. The ladies fashions are nothing short of elegant with their fancy Sunday hats, collars buttoned to the chin, and long skirts with the puffed upper sleeves. It makes one wonder how and how long it took for the ladies to get into the relaxed poses for the camera. It might be expected these folks are not from the local area, perhaps they came from Ames on the train to Gilbert and then by carriages to the site. Such outings were quite popular and the train companies used them quite often with prices that were hard to refuse. The companies might call them "Flower Picking Excursions". They were very popular in the Rocky Mts.

Soper's Mill Dam as a social get together spot in the mid to late 1890's.

Photos from Ames Historical Society

Ruby Christian Freeman '30 reports (6-26-07): " Milford

was constructed as a country school where the surrounding farm community could have access to a formal education, grades one through twelve years. In 1927 my sisters Olive and Arlet were seniors, my sister Frances was a third grader and I was a freshman. We lived with our parents, John and Helen Christian on a farm one mile east and one half a mile north of the School. It is essential to keep in mind that this was the time of the nationwide depressions with the approaching stock market crash of 1929. Farmers were cash poor and feared farm foreclosurer. The farms were without electricity or running water and the work was of long hours. Kerosene lamps were used for light and telephones were party lines with about five or six families on each line. The plumbing was a small house in back called a "privy", complete with a Sears catalogue hanging from a string on the wall. I felt a certain sense of smugness that we had a two holer while most of my friends had only one holers. On Halloween My Father would lay the privy on its side to keep the pranksters from pushing it over as they were wont to do.

"My father was called Papa and definitely the head of the household. Every thing was done with his permission and he was strict. He was Very generous in his help to others in need. My mother called Mama was soft spoken and rather philosophical. I asked her why she never yelled and she said "someone has to keep the peace". She had her own way to discipline us –Like the first time she let me cut up a chicken for frying she said I did a good job but she couldn't recognize the pieces, or when I told her I hated a certain girl she said it was all right because she might she might not like you either. She had experienced the loss of her mother and taking care of family at an early age and it seemed to make her stronger to care for the large family she would have. I was the eighth of nine children. Without fail she would wash clothes on Monday using her homemade soap, on Tuesday she would iron using sadd irons which were kept hot on top of the cooking range. Wednesdays and Saturdays were bread baking days.

"Our cellar was filled with canned food. She was always busy, cleaning, churning butter gathering eggs and making three meals a day for my father and two brothers, Hansel and Marion, who were my fathers farm help.

"I have fond memories of clothes she made for me, especially a green middy blouse with white braid. When I was confirmed in church my mother went extravagant and I had my first store bought dress. It was expensive for the time at eight dollars.

"On Saturday evenings the family would go to Nevada to buy the staple goods, visit the Doctor, visits with farm friends and such. We would get a nickel or a dime or even a quarter sometimes to spend as we pleased.

"On Sundays we would go to the small town of Roland to church services and visit my Grandmother Christian. Everyone in the town was of Norwegian descent. There were two churches of identical faith and rituals and membership depended on where your ancestors were from in Norway. That fostered intense, sometimes bitter, rivalry for many years. All four of my grand parents immigrated to the Midwest from Norway in the mid-eighteen hundreds and had large families. I had over a hundred adult first cousins! My Grandfather Christian was a land owner in Iowa Minnesota and South Dakota. My Grandfather Jondall was a carpenter who had built boats in Norway.

"Monday was back to school day. Our Bus was a Model T Ford driven by Mr Erickson for which he was paid thirty dollars a month. I liked school and my report card says I was a good student. Some of the subjects we studied were –Domestic Science, Agriculture, algebra, geometry, common Law, ancient History, General science, English Literature, English, Biology, and Physics. Some of the teachers that I remember were Mr Lee, Mr Halverson, Edith Meyers, Mr Michelson, Mr Beilefelt and the one I remember the most, Mildred Welty. She taught Literature and Drama. In her classroom we had debates, lively discussions and good participation from the students. Declamatory contests were popular at that time, with divisions in oratory, Dramatic and Comedy. Miss Welty made a very good showing as coach for Margaret Hereim in Oratory, me in Dramatic, and Lois Cook in Comedy. We made a good showing in competition with other much larger schools. Miss Welty put on plays, operettas, skits and in general seemed to enjoy working with students. In 1929 Milford mourned the loss of Superintendent Weyrock who was killed in an automobile-train accident. Mr Wayne Pratt was then hired as the new Superintendent. The high School numbered around fifty or sixty students and some of the names I remember were Marie and Helen McCaffrey, Wayne Slocum, twins Bernice and Bernita Howland, Jeanette Sowers, Millard McCoy, John Allen, Orlene Twedt, Dorothy Sowers, Reva Rhodes, Ruth and Bernice Durby, Sylvia Thompson, Edith Jacobson, Ethyl Durby, Emoreen Sloan, Viola Danielson, Kimbal Peterson, Margaret Twedt, Louise Hovland, Earl Prescott, Marion Gilreath and the class of 1930.

"After graduation Margaret and I kept up our close friendship; however, we were not going in any serious direction as what we wanted to do with the future until Miss Welty invited us to visit her sister in Evanston, Ill. And possibly find employment.

"We both stayed in the Chicago area where several years later Margaret had earned her teaching credentials then went back to Iowa to teach at Milford and marry Willard Gilreath. I trained to become an RN in a private hospital, Michael Reed and married a Doctor, Adio Freeman. After serving in WWII he studied at the Menninger Institute in

Kansas then opened an office in Beverly Hills, Calif to practice Psychoanalysis. He was also a professor at U.C.L.A. By then we were a family of five living in Brentwood, a suburb or Los Angeles. I was a stay at home Mom with three children; Pamela, Valerie and Barry spending my time gardening, with study groups, bowling or as leisurely as I pleased. Traveling was a big enjoyment for us and we took many journeys around the world. A few of the highlights would be viewing the works of Michaelanglo, David and Pietu in Italy seeing Venice from a Gondola, climbing the Pyramids and riding a camel in Egypt, swimming in the Dead Sea in Israel and viewing the ancient Temples there. We went to Agra in India to see the Taj MaHal, we also saw the palaces and Blue Danube River in Austria. In Tokyo and Kyoto we visited the shrines. Then in nearby Thailand we watched the lovely Siamese Dancers perform. In Brazil I could see that Rio lived up to its reputation of beautiful women. I kept a keen eye on my husband. We have many journeys but the best part was coming home to our three lovely talented children here in Brentwood.

"Milford Township High School was a very important experience and will always be a part of my life."
Edit: The Christians actually lived a mile east and 3/4 north of the School. Hereims lived a mile east and 1/2 north of the School at the time. The Moldes lived a mile and 1/4 east of the School. Each of these families had daughters of about the same age so there was a lot of camaraderie within a short distance. The Hegelands moved to McCallsburg and their daughter, Sarah, graduated there in 1939. In 1920 the Helgelands had lived a mile east, a mile north and a 1/4 mile east of the School and then moved to the farm 3/4 mile east of the School and left Milford Twp in 1928. When Sarah started to School at Milford, she was with the class of 1939 and Phil Allen's sister, Ruth, (Mrs Alvin Nelson) was doing her first year of teaching. (Ruby died 14 Feb 2009)

Forest Petrus Retires

When Forest finished high school in 1954 and was looking for a job, he came across an opening at the ISU Press. Forest applied, got the job and started in the shipping room and the next year he was promoted to foreman of shipping and receiving. Then a year and a half after that he was foreman of the Production Dept.

In 1978 the paper was computerized and between then and his retirement in 1994, he had to learn to use five different computer systems.

When he retired, after 40 years service, the paper wrote the following: "Experienced, hard-working, kind, patient, has a great sense of humor and is jack-of-all-trades. Excellent interpersonal and managerial skills."

Headed for the Big Time National Contest 1947

Dorothy Murrow, Stanley Sorem, Supt Swim, Richard Stevenson, Mrs and Mr Rhea. Front: Joe Harper and Richard Cousser. Note some of the features of the School including a grouping of propane containers near the Janitor's door. **See page 120.**

Gas Price War in our Area

In July of 1956 there was a gas price war that started in Marshalltown when a dealer was giving a free gallon of gas with the purchase of seven at the common price. Other stations reduced their price about a nickel. This made the price about 25.9 cents a gallon. Also, recall that the price included about 9 cents tax- 3 Fed 6 State. In 2007 it's 20.7 cents/gallon State + 18.4 Fed.

In the 1952 Nevada annual there's a picture of a gas station in Nevada with the price legible --24.9 cents a gallon.

Iowa was the first State to have a cigarette tax- 2 cents a pack in 1921. It's now $1.36 tax a pack.

For What it's Worth -- to a Farmer

Edit: Couldn't decide if the following portion of an article in the 1870 paper was "Tongue in Cheek" or serious.

"Girls, marry farmers, if you marry for true happiness; for the farmer's wife has the society of her husband more than any other class. You have your work to do 'tis true, but at night when the day's work is over, and you are seated at your sewing or knitting, he is there to read or talk with you. And then, rainy days, if you have much to do, he is there to help you. He is willing to take a bite of cake or pie, or a bowl of bread and milk for dinner with a promise of supper a little earlier. Then he will churn, bring in wood, and water, tend the baby and many little kindnesses which will make the day pleasant within, be it ever so stormy without. You could not enjoy all these pleasant hours with your husband if he were a merchant or a mechanic, for he would be obligated to be away, rain or shine. And when you get your farm cleared up, you are not obliged to work unless you choose to, for there are washing, sewing, knitting and many other machines invented to save you labor. And you are able to hire help if you wish. In no condition in life can a woman be more truly happy than living on a farm, with a good, true, noble man to help her along life's rugged path, and men who are brought up on a farm are the most pure-minded, noble class, in the world."

The Senior class of 1935 as Juniors in Feb of 1934

Front Row: Grace Tendall, La Verne Jacobson, Ester Hovland, Elmer Watson, Ester Ersland, Bob Lawson. Middle Row: Arlene Langland, Henry Peterson, Marjorie Frey, Myron Larsen, Cordelia Gilreath. Back Row: Lucille Prescott, Dwight Fausch, Ardis Jacobson, Palma Durby, Boyd Arrasmith.

Classes of 1959 & '60 in the First and Second Grade

Front: Doug Brooks, Ron Sorem, Gwen Jacobson, Nancy Larsen, Keith Tjelmeland, John Grindem, Janet Hansen. Middle: Ron Rasmusson, Betty Otto, Janet Simonson, Janet Sorensen, Jerry Boone, Darrel Vanderflute. Back: Jerry Book, Leah Unchurch, Bill Jacobson, David Bhend, Ron Strothers, Nadine Safely, Sandra Nelson, Connie Petersen. Teacher- Irene Hauser.

Mrs Ruth Hauser with 1951 class in second grade- Very tentative listing. Back: Jerry Jacobson, Bob Williams, Larry Roberts, Unk, John Wakefield, Dean Crow. Front: Chuck Hanson, Mary Harper, Patsy Manley, unknown.

Thelma Lee Walker- Home Economics teacher for three years 1939-1942. Someone wrote that Ms. Walker was the first "life-education" teacher at Milford.

1859 Gold Rush

Yes, some Milford people elected to leave Milford Twp for the gold of another area when the McLain family, John, his wife and two sons, William, Russel, and M. and FA McLain pulled up stakes and left for Colorado on the 22 of March 1859.

As the Story County Advocate paper writes: "Six "prairie schooners," propelled by fourteen yoke of oxen and cows, started from Nevada on Tuesday last, bound for Pike's Peak, well loaded, and with fourteen passengers and crew. The starting called together quite a number friends to bid them "God speed"."

Some of the McLains were residents of Milford Township and William was back in Milford Twp by 1860.

Milfordite Meets the Big TV Star

The country boy from Milford, Dale Hughes, '55, met the TV personality, Johnny Carson, in New York when their paths crossed as Hughes was headed to Europe on a "student" type vacation in 1962.

Hughes hoped to get a "job" working on a freighter going to Europe and, as obtaining this type of job was a time consuming task, he had some time to explore other adventures. A call was made to the producers of the Johnny Carson TV show "Who Do You Trust?". The format for the show was an interview of three couples and then three questions for money with $25, $50 and $100 for the correct answers; then the couple with the highest winnings was invited back for a "Grand Prize" question.

Following an in-person interview and a lengthy telephone interview it was posted that Hughes would be on the show. At the appointed hour, about two hours before showtime, he went over to the studio. A producer greeted him and handed him a script. The show, which might appear to the viewer to be impromptu, was, in fact, all done from a script. The contestants memorized their lines but were not told what Johnny would respond for a joke so the contestant's reaction would be spontaneous.

Hughes was paired with a lady who had painted open eyes with makeup on her eyelids and two tepees on her chest so, as she explained, she would appear to be awake when her hubby came home from his late shift work. The tepee makeup was not done for the show.

Johnny came by just before airtime and exchanged some minor pleasantries for a couple minutes and then it was showtime. We were the first couple and Johnny enjoyed visiting with the lady with the eye makeup so much that there was only time for two couples. The Three questions were reasonably easy and we gave the correct answers but the "Grand Prize" question was about some little known author and we missed it. Anyhow, we'd each won $50 for a little fun and a few days later I got a job on a freighter and went to Europe.

Dale Hughes '55

1943 Milford Basketball Team
Finals of the Section Tournament

Probably the largest school any Milford sports team ever played an official game against was when this 1943 team played Ames High School in the **finals** of the Sectional Tournament on the Ames court. (The team of 1955 played one of the large schools in Des Moines but; although both teams played as though it were for the league championship, it was a 'pickup' game--Milford won!)

Back Row: Merril Johnson '44, Earl Johnson'43, Don Halverson '43, Glen Egland '43, Supt and Coach B.G. Halverson. Front Row: G. (Russell?) Clark '44, Glen Sampson '43, Fred Matters '44.

Of the 1943 game the Nevada Paper writes it very well--

"Milford Consolidated school's ?____? functioning basketball team almost accomplished the seemingly impossible Saturday night in the final of the sectional basketball tournament at Ames as they gave the Little Cyclones 32 minutes of as hard work as they have experienced this season and then the best the highly favored Ames team could do was to win 32 to 28 by virtue of charity shots.

"It was rough going all the way for the Little Cyclones who never could pull away to any appreciable lead and several times were on the short end of the score.

"Heralded as one of the favorites in the tournament, Milford's husky outfit came roaring into the finals and pregame predictions had the game doped as a toss-up and certainly the game, from the opening whistle to the final horn was all of that.

"Sparked by Earl Johnson, who dumped in six field goals and two charity shots, the Milford club clearly set themselves up definitely as one of the really strong teams of this section.

"Milford jumped into an early lead over Ames on baskets by forward Glen Sampson," but Ames "managed to squeeze out a 9-5 lead over Milford for the first quarter.

"The opening minutes of the second period was a match-shots affair, but midway in the period, Don Halverson, Milford forward, who was widely acclaimed as one of the best players in the tournament, and Earl Johnson, found the hoop for three field goals and two charity shots to push Milford out in front 19 to 15. Ames took time out and apparently accomplished their purpose as they rapidly overhauled Milford as play was resumed to leave the floor at halftime, sporting a 22- 19 lead.

"They (Ames) increased it to 25 to 19 in the opening minutes of the third quarter, when Earl Johnson and Fred Matters combined to cut the Ames margin to 24 to 26 at the close of the third quarter.

"Again it was Earl Johnson with two quick baskets in the opening minutes of the final period to put Milford out in front 28-26.

"Busby (Ames) again hit a one-hander to knot the score at 28-28. Ileman (Ames) contributed a charity shot, Busby dropped in another one-hander and Ilemen dunked another charity shot to give the Cyclones a 32-28 win for sectional honors.

"A study of the boxscore shows both clubs dropping in twelve field foals each, but the Little Cyclones dropped in eight out of 13 opportunities from the charity line while the best Milford could do was four out of sixteen, and Milford, in previous games, had been registering a fine percentage from the free-throw line."

Milford	FG	FT	PF	Yr
Glen Sampson	2	1	1	Sr
Don Halverson	3	1	1	Sr
Earl Johnson	6	2	4	Sr
Merril Johnson	0	0	3	Jr
Fred Matters	1	0	0	Jr
Russell Clark	0	0	3	Jr

This game undoubtedly gave both coaches the golden opportunity to lecture the teams for many years later on the importance of shooting free throws.

Before this sectional tournament, some of the team records were: Milford 8-4, Ames 11-3, Huxley 15-1 with their only loss to Milford, White Oak 10-2.

If the weather were good for game night, it would have been expected the auditorium would have been packed with very excited spectators and the noise level unbelievable. It would have been a fun game to have played in and a great game to have witnessed.

The Johnsons, sons of Lloyd, lived, apparently, in Sec 6, "barely within Milford Twp" with a Story City address.

Milford Twp. Consol., Nevada
B. G. HALVERSON, Coach

No.	Name of Player	Position
88	Arneson, Carroll	center
55	Clark, Russell	guard
44	Egland, Glen	guard
7	Grimsley, Curtis	center
77	Halverson, Donald	center
22	Harper, Roger	forward
66	Johnson, Earl	forward
99	Johnson, Merril	guard
00	Matters, Fred	guard
33	Sampson, Glen	forward
12	Sorensen, Marvin	guard
11	Tjelemand, Wallace	forward

(Red or white uniforms)

Roland
VERNON B. AXMEAR, Coach

No.	Name of Player	Position
16	Ralph Anderson	guard
4	Bill Britson	forward
16	Joel Cole	forward
8	Gerald Gorton	guard
3	Junior Gorton	forward
10	Eugene Hilker	guard
9	Darrel Larson	center
6	Donald Lein	guard
5	John Michaelson	guard
12	Bill Nelson	forward
11	Daniel Nelson	center
7	Thomas Thompson	forward

(Black uniforms)

The 1943 Sectional Program with Milford's and Roland's Roster of names and numbers.

1901 Fatal Farm Incident in Milford Twp

Farming was also a dangerous task in the early 20th century. The photo, not in Milford Twp, shows the type of equipment that would have been used in the following story, the first fatal farming accident of record that could be found.

The seemingly pleasant job of raking hay with a team of horses and a buck rake turned into a deadly incident in Milford Twp on the M. W. Montgomery farm in the southeast quarter of section 17 (a mile west of the Center School) on Friday 19 July 1901. William Bridgman, 27, a cousin of the Montgomerys from Chicago, who was vacationing with his family, had volunteered to operate a buck rake with others who, according to the paper, were working in a 160 acre hay field. He apparently dropped one of the reins and stood up and stepped out onto the tongue in an effort to retrieve it, however, his footing was lost and he fell to a sitting position on the tongue. Then one of the horses started kicking and kicked him in the head and he fell onto the ground with one leg through the fork in the tongue. The horses took to running and dragged him in this posture "for a mile" around the field because no one could approach the team to stop them. The runaway team plunged through the fence and onto the road, apparently northbound, and stopped in a neighbor's yard about a half mile north, but the rake and Mr Bridgeman stayed at the fence line.

The doctor had been summoned even before the runaway was stopped. William was still gasping for air when his cousins got to him but died shortly afterwards. "He was twenty seven years of age, an iron worker, very strongly built and muscled, and with as great an endurance as anyone could have had. Probably it was the kick that got him down and killed him

The accident was of the sort that seems occasionally to come upon those who have the least reason to expect it, and in moment it is all over. It was most pitiful as well as tragic ending of a summer outing."

Mr Bridgman's wife left their two children at the Montgomery home and returned, with her parents (who had been at the Montgomery home for the funeral at the Nevada Cemetery) to Chicago to settle matters there with the intent for her to return to Iowa to live. Internment was at the Nevada Cemetery.

One of the things that might be overlooked within the article is - the doctor had been summoned - before the victim was released from the rake. This implies the Montgomerys, or one of the neighbors, had a telephone. Also, Mrs Bridgman's parents had been notified in Chicago following the accident on Friday and they were able to catch a train and arrive in time for the Sunday forenoon funeral service. By Tuesday, Mrs Bridgman and her parents were on the way back to Chicago. Communications were much more rapid in 1901 than we might have thought. It is not known whether her parents were notified by phone or telegram, but surely to summon the doctor for an accident implies the use of a local phone service in Milford Twp.

As a footnote to this location- The maps of the time, and up through 1912, show a farmstead with frontage on the east-west road along the south side of section 17. This farmstead was located on the east side of the half section line. Also, there was no farmstead along that road just to the west of the half section line. By 1912, however, the maps show the farmstead to the west of that half section line and none on the east side of the line. This farmstead, west of the half mile fence, is where the Bivens family lived in the forties.

School Board Members Terms

The academic question has been raised as to how the School Board Members originally established a pattern of overlapping terms. This was announced on 19 Feb. 1920 following the original consolidation on Wed 28 Jan. 1920.

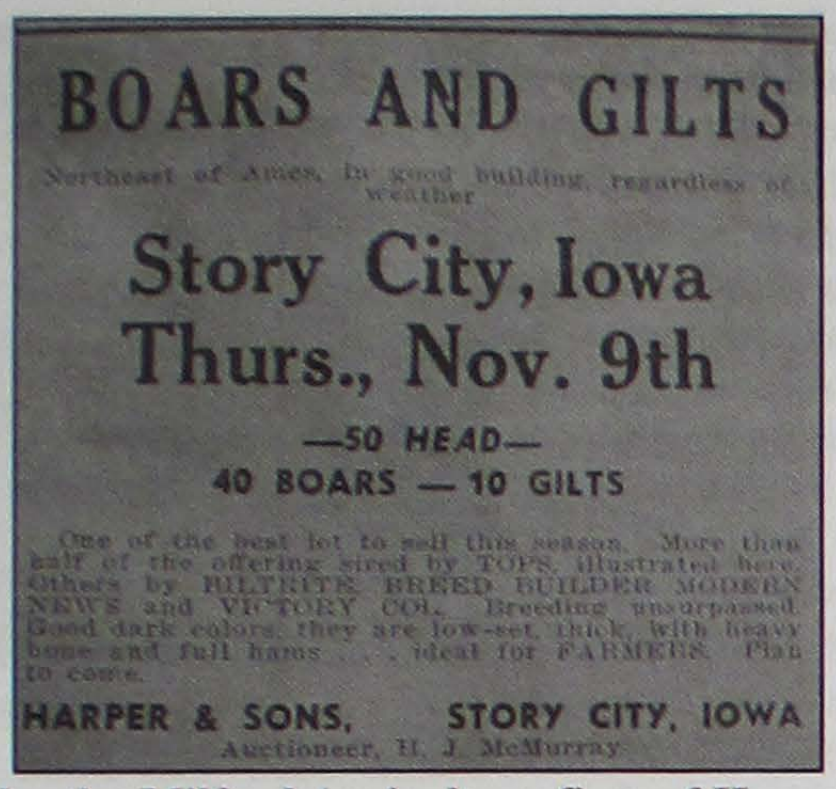
Two men, E.G. Morfey and O.G.Twedt, were elected to serve until the next annual meeting. Frank Allen and J. Twedt were to serve until the second annual meeting and D.O. Christy to the third annual meeting. Henry Birkeland was elected treasurer.

School Times Change

For some unstated reason, on 30 November 1942, the time School started was changed to 10 a.m. with dismissal at 5 p.m. Speculation would be that this might be a forerunner of Daylight Savings Time. Or, as some called it in WWII, "War Time", or "Victory Time"

Mail Time - 1862

The mail crossed Milford Twp on the diagonal road two times a week- Northbound from Nevada to Fort Dodge about 9 A.M. on Fridays and from Fort Dodge southbound to arrive in Nevada about 8 P.M. on Saturdays. Mailings to Des Moines and Waterloo were twice a week while Newton, Fort Dodge, Marrietta and Boonsboro were once a week.



This ad, by the Milford Agriculture firm of Harper and Sons, ran in the 4 Nov 1944 Cappers Farmer magazine. Harpers lived two miles west and 2 3/4 north of Milford. The photo of a boar on the ad has been edited out.

1935 Floor Covering

During the summer of 1935 Marbelyed flooring, 1/4 in thick, was to be placed in the hallway in the basement, 1st stairway up and down, and the landings. It was expected that the task could be completed by the 26th of August, when school started. The cost was $235 but this did not mention the labor involved. The way the article is written makes it appear that the janitor, Mr Mann, would do the labor. Mr Mann was also expected, for $15 extra, to clean the cess pool yet that summer.

1871 Railroad Vote

From the Nevada Paper of 7 Nov 1871:

Milford --*This township now has it entirely in her power to say whether the IM&NPRR (Iowa, Minnesota, and Northern Pacific Rail Road) shall be built or not. A five percent tax must be raised along the entire line to insure the building of the road. As we understand from the officers, the road will have to pass through Milford, if built, and it cannot be built without this aid.. Therefore we see how necessary it is that the last township of the line shall come up even with the balance. No tax, no roads. No cross, no crown.*

The implication of this article might be that Milford Twp was the last Township in Iowa to vote on this issue but such was not the case as Milford was not the last township on the proposed line to vote on the matter.

Then, during the middle of Dec of 1871, the following article appeared in the Nevada Paper:

Notice of a Special Election.

Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held by the legal voters of Milford township, in Story County, State of Iowa , on the 30th day of December, AD 1871, at the Milford schoolhouse in said township, at which election will be submitted to said voters the question of aiding by a tax of five per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property of said township in the consternation of the Iowa, Minnesota and North Pacific Railway (the same being a line of railroad projected to run from some point in the southern part of Iowa through the counties of Jasper, Story and Hamilton, by way of Newton, Nevada and Webster City to the northern boundary of the State of Iowa, said taxes to be expended in Milford Township. .....

This Milford School would have been the School in the southeast corner of Sec 18. Then in Jan of 1872 the results were published in a lengthy article that explained that consideration was being given to a route further east and this would cause further votes to be taken in other townships.

Railroad---The voting of a five percent tax in Milford Township last Saturday, a majority of 23 in a vote of 90, serves to (establish) a line of townships through Story County, that have voted a five percent tax to aid the IM&NP RR. The townships are Indian Creek, Nevada, Milford, and Howard. Upon the south end of the line between this county and Newton, the company is setting up two lines, one by the way of Prairie City, and the other through Collins Township. Should the latter be adopted, it will be necessary for that township to fall into line also.

History has shown that vote was for nil as the railroad located both to the west (through Gilbert) and to the east (through Fernald). No reason has been discovered to explain exactly what forces came to play that changed the original planning.

Elimination of Grade Crossing near Nevada

On 8 Nov 1935 it was announced that funding had been secured for the replacement of the Blackman crossing with an underpass. This is about a quarter mile north of the entrance to the Nevada Cemetery. This is the road that one would travel from Milford Township into Nevada. At this same announcement was the funding for an overpass -not an underpass- in Ames. The project in Nevada was listed at $40,000 and the Ames project at $100,000.

On 12 Dec 1936 the road was opened officially for the use of the public. It had been closed since 1 Aug for the $28,000 construction project. Approximately 15,000 cubic yards of dirt was moved in this effort to remove one of the most dangerous grade crossings in this part of the state. No numbers on accidents were listed though. It was not mentioned just how this underpass was constructed. Was the railroad grade raised or were the approaches simply removed? Only the most vivid imagination can speculate on how many lives have been saved by this project and, in all likelihood, some would have been from Milford.

Farm use of the Personal Automobile

Below, Photo from Loren Book: In this late spring of 1948 scene, Don Book, who lived on the east side of section 15, is loading a pair of 30 dozen egg cases into the trunk of his reasonably new 1946 Ford coupe to be taken to town for actual trading for groceries. It was very common for farmers to, almost unbelievable now, walk out of the grocery store with more money than when they went in-- plus have the week's supply of groceries ready to put back in the car. Many a farmer and his wife have said they absolutely did not know how they would have survived if it weren't for the egg money. Many farmers had a laying hen flock of about 100 to 150 birds.

Don Book, with his nice family car, loads 60 dozen eggs in the trunk for the trip to town.

Notice in the background of this scene, looking to the north, the large barn, over 100 feet east west and 60 feet north south, that was on the Rex Hughes farm. This barn was torn down later in that summer and a new smaller round-roof barn was constructed. Also notice the highline pole with no insulators in place. This was the time period when this east west highline was being put in place across Milford Twp.

Don believed in yard lights and had four, perhaps five, in place around his farm. I lived, at the time, the first place north of the Book family and, on more than one occasion had visitors after dark ask, "What town is that down there? I didn't know you lived so close to any town!" As I recall, he left them, at least two or three, on all night long.

Don was among the earliest to get a good new car after the War when they were at such a premium. When a new car was finally, at last, able to be purchased, everyone hopped in and one drove over to many neighbors and let others smell the newness and go for a ride in the fine new automobile. The 1946 Ford was a good car to obtain because it looked new for, at least a couple more years as it was almost impossible to tell a '46 from a '47 from a '48. Then in '49 there was a major change of body styles.

Another of the details of this scene involves the use of a "new" automobile in the day to day operation of the farm, of transporting the products of the farm to the market place. Before the War it was rather common to see a little trailer being pulled behind the family car. As was very common at the time, cars were not washed too often and here can be seen the result of driving on the wet gravel roads of rural Iowa. The road to Nevada, or Roland, or Ames was not paved until roughly a decade later.

Dennis Book, 62N, writes a couple-a-three stories of his experiences in Milford Twp as a young man just out of High School. He paints a glimpse into the times and adventures of the early sixties when, if the mood hit a young man, he and his buddies could simply up and drive 7-800 miles away- to see a friend- and not be overly concerned about money or trouble. There are folks who might wander if - *was it the times* or it is *the advantage of youth*?

Left: Loyd Hughes '56, left, and Dennis Book '62N stand by the rearend of Loyd's famous or infamous '56 Chevy. Note the white "T" shirts and the "Levi"s with the cuffs stylishly rolled up which was the real "Vogue" of teenage dress. Picture taken at the Hughes garage looking east and most likely from the early summer of 1958.

The Dayton Park Curve

Maybe some of the elderly statesmen of Milford Twp could shed some light on what was at Dayton Park in the early days. It might have been a dance hall, maybe a trading post. I don't know. All I remember is the curve. Some of the Milford boys would see how fast they could run the curve.

Wilbert Hadley '56, the "Wild Willie" in Dennis's story. His nickname is rather misleading at this time as he was a considerate, very mild-mannered fellow.

Loyd Hughes had a (I think) 1963 Chevy Corvette Sting Ray, a pretty hot little sports car. Loyd thought that it was pretty good. He was telling Wild Willie Hadley and me the story of how he took that curve at 50 mph.

Wild Willie had a maybe 1950-'53 Cadolac. It was big and heavy and build like a battle wagon. Willie always drove old cars because he could fix anything.

Although he was a little embarrassed when one of his many girl friends stuck her foot through the floor board. It wasn't time to get a new car; it was time to get a new patch. Wild Willie had an old car but a pocket full of money.

Willie never was one to brag but he did say, "I took that curve at 52 mph the other night with my old Caddie."

Three Little Skunks

Father Jack Strother had been mowing some soil bank east across the road from the Strother homestead.. He saw 3 baby skunks. I think it was Gene Roberts, Dennis Book and son Bruce that he told the story to. We three boys kind of looked at each other. And said to each other, but not to Jack-- Lets go drown them out.

We didn't tell Jack what we had in mind but a baby skunk would really impress the girls. A lot more than a puppy.

So we hooked up the sprayer and filled it full of water and went to the field on the top of the hill.

As the story comes back to me, I think when Jack was mowing, the mother skunk got run over so we wanted to save the babies.

We started running water in the hole and sure enough the baby skunks popped out. We took them to the house and put them in a rabbit cage and they did very well on puppy food.

But there is more to the story. Father Jack and Mother Hazel went away for the weekend. Not a good thing. There was a party- a sofa fire- skunks in the house to impress the girls. But when Jack got home from their weekend everything was fine. That fall I left for the Army and I think Jack turned the skunks loose to join mother nature. The skunks never shot off their smell. No, not even in the house.

A Trip to Colo (Colorado)

It was back in about 1966 that 5 good old MU boys decided to go to Colo over the 4th of July weekend. One of the boys had a girl friend that worked on Pikes Peak. So we decided to drive out there.

There was Wormie, Goosie, Stan, Lord, and Hubam. We decided to take the Old Blue Goose. We all had good cars but we decided it would be more of a challenge to drive Lords old blue 55 Pontiac. It went pretty well if I remember right. We left at night and the next morning we were at the bottom of Pike Peak.

So we started up. The Old Blue Goose started overheating. Well, 5 young Bucks from Milford weren't going to turn around. No way with a girl up at the top. We would go a ways. It was a good thing it had rained that night. We would find a puddy of water, scoop up the water in our hats and run for the car and dump the water in the radiator. The mountain patrol would stop and say, "You boys better turn arothund". We told them there was a girl that worked on top. And we had driven 7 or 8 hundred miles so one of us could see her. They said we better keep going. We pushed and pulled the Old Blue Goose and later that day, We made it.

I can't remember much about what was up on top. The guy with the girl friend got the cold shoulder.. Maybe it was his old girlfriend.

So we had a nice trip down. We needed a place to bed down. We drove east of the mountains to kind of a desert. It looked like a big rain coming but we had stopped to eat and asked one of the locals how bad the storm was going to be. He said, "Don't worry about it boys, it's a dry rain. We all learned what a dry rain was. It never rained on us.

The next morning Goosie and Wormie decided to drive into town to get breakfast. When they got back they had ran over a porkiepine, The front tire was full of quills. Something we had never seen before, We pulled them out and luckily they didn't go in far enough to cause a flat tire.

Where to go next. We were all wanting to be cowboys, so we headed for Cheyane Wy. We stopped at a place that sold everything. We saw our first Jackalope. Stuffed. He was a mighty cute little critter. Big long ears and a nice little set of horns. Then we decided it was time to go back to the peacefulness of Milford Twp. I don't even remember the trip home.

Milford Twp was just one big family. We all had names, rather nicknames. And had good clean fun. The 5 boys were Gene Roberts, Arlen Twedt, Dennis Book, Bruce Strother, and Loyd Hughes.

Dennis Book '62N

Ol' Milford farmer notice; Most farmers have enough seed corn caps to match any shirt they wear but they always only wear the same one cap so he doesn't get the others dirty.

Long time Milford Pioneer Passes On

An obituary from probably 1955 involving one of Milford's most long time residents, **Charles Alfred.**

Charles Alfred, 86, Died Tuesday (no month or day or year given) *at the Milford township farm, Route 2, Ames, where he had spent all of his 86 years and which has been in his family since 1854. Burial will be in the McCallsburg Cemetery.*

Active in farming throughout his lifetime, Mr. Alfred was born Jan. 20, 1869, the son of Nancy and George Alfred. His parents had purchased the farm from the government at $1.25 per acre in 1854. Charles was born in the original log house built by his father on the land and lived there until he was two years old.

When a boy he attended Curtiss township school. He later played an active role in the formation of the Milford Consolidated School. He was a member of its board of education for a number of years.

Mr Alfred is survived by his wife, Bessie Adams Alfred, and his five sons- Joe, Erwin, Jack, Robert and Easley.

Edit: The Alfred family farmstead mentioned in the article as being Charles's residence was located a mile west and about five-eights mile north of Milford Twp School on the west side of the road in Sec 17. However, it is not known if that farmstead was the location of the log house. His parents would have been there at the time of infamous 1860 prairie fire. The Land Patent sold to George Alfred was for eighty acres and contained the South half of the Northeast quarter of Section 17 and was isssued on 1 Oct 1855. Spectulation is that the log cabin may have been on the west end of this land as that would put them a half mile closer to the river and its timber. Another Alfred, Thornton, assumed to be related to George, on 15 Jan 1858 got a patent on the Southwest quarter of Section 8. Why George bought the land patent in 17 is uncertain when land closer to the River was available for at least a couple more years. If Charles lived in the cabin for two years and then moved to, at the age of two, in 1871, this probably was the time that a new road system, the more familiar square pattern, was put in place and the "farmstead" was relocated to the east end, along the new road, of the property.

The Curtis School (subdistrict number 5) was the one that stood in the SW corner of Sec 15 where the Consolidated School was constructed. It would seem as though the Alfred youngsters who lived at this site, on the west side of the road in Sec 17, would have been candidates to have attended the Milford Sub-district School, number 4, which would have been the same distance, a mile and 5/8 away, and located in the SE corner of Sec 18.

This story of the Alfred family shows that population of the "prairie" portion of Milford Twp was begun much earlier than might be suspected. However, the Alfred farm does contain much land that would not have in the slew or wetlands category.

The Ames Reservoir

Would have covered McMichael Cemetery

One of the first big projects that didn't come to Milford Twp after that project had been planned was the construction of the 1870's railroad. The second might be considered to be the Ames Reservoir Dam. This structure, which actually would have been in the southwest corner of Sec 13 of Franklin Twp, and less than a mile from Milford Twp, would have backed water up to 40 feet deep in the northwest corner of the Township in parts of Sections 5,6, 7, and 18. McMichael Cemetery would have been very close to this dam as it is in the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of said Sec 13. No where in the planning papers that were found was the question of this Pioneer Cemetery mentioned.

The prospect of flood control on the Skunk River was started at least before the First World War when straightening and dredging of the Skunk River was occurring downstream of Ames and Story County. However, just after WWII the talk became action and by Sept of 1949 hearings were being held.

The concept, recommended by the District and Division engineers of the Army Corp of Engineers in their publicly released report on 30 March 1951, was for the construction of two dams, both a few miles upstream from Ames- one on the Skunk River and one on Squaw Creek. This immediately set off a firestorm of protest from the people upstream from the proposed dams.

The Squaw Creek facility, to be located on the line between Sec 20 and 29 of Franklin Twp, died a quick death but the other, the Ames Reservoir, gathered some powerful support. At neither site was the development of hydroelectric deemed to be economically possible.

The dam site for the Ames reservoir was to be at mile 220.6, about 5 miles upstream from Ames. The drainage area above the dam would have been 314 square miles and would have had a capacity of 94,000 acre feet with the top of the flood control pool at elevation 968. The 20 foot wide crest of the dam would have been 75 feet above the narrow flood plain at elevation 985. The length at the base would be about 600 feet and the crest length would be 1260 feet. The discharge would have been through a 7 foot diameter concrete pipe with intake near the center of the dam.

The overflow spillway would have been on the east end of the dam with a series of five tainter gates to permit overflow starting at elevation 953 and maximum of 969. The construction of this spillway would have caused a maximum of 40 feet of excavation.

At elevation 968, flood pool, (94,000 acre feet) the reservoir would cover about 4,350 acres and would cover about 11 river miles. The project would have to acquire about 6500 acres of land. The reservoir would be operated normally at elevation 949 with a surface area of 2,100 acres. The goal for release would be a flow of 78 c.f.s. past the Ames gaging station. In Story City the sewage plant outlet is 959 and the refreshment stand near the athletic field is 971; Riverside Bible Camp at 978.

Two planning entities, the Corp of Engineers and the Highway Commission came to agreement when it was decided to move the planned I-35 interstate just to the east of its original planned path. The proposed budget for this relocation was $2,170,000 and so the higher roadway at elevation 973 and the higher bridge at Bear Creek were constructed. The total cost of this dam and reservoir project was placed at $10,130,000.

Opposition to the cost; the damage, both upstream and downstream, to the tile lines; and the questionable recreation potential led to a quieting of the support. Many thought the alleged lake would be nothing more than a eye sore of a mud-flat for 7 or 8 months a year. A planned "scenic overlook" was constructed for the south bound traveler on I-35 about a half mile north of Milford Twp. There were many "tongue-in-cheek" comments about what the scenery would be in this "scenic overlook.

Congressman Neil Smith, who began his career in Congress in 1959 and served for 36 years, was a strong proponent of this project when it started and, after becoming convinced that it might not be as "good" a project as he had first believed, quit pushing for the project. The Corp of Engineers, perhaps rightly or wrongly, did not seem to radiate enthusiasm and so the project was put on a type of "permanent hold". Reportedly, this was the first project, or one of very few, that had been funded and then not constructed.

In the **1930 High School graduation class** there is list of 13 graduates. The newspaper list in 1926, when this class graduated from the 8th grade, shows the large turnover of students and has 15students receiving their 8th grade diploma.

1926 Newspaper (8th)	Official 1930 Graduation
Genevieve Curtis	Genevieve Curtis
Dorothea Kimble	Dorothy Kimble
Anna Hovland	Anna Hovland
Jean Frey	Jean Fry
Gladys Hansen	Gladys Hanson
Margaret Hereim	Margaret Hereim
Marie Danielson	Left Milford
Kenneth Dawson	Left Milford
Herbert Ericson	Left Milford
Florence King	Left Milford
John King	Left Milford
John Krug	Left Milford
Corrine Laymon	Left Milford
Thelma Peterson	Left Milford
Earl Prescott	Left Milford
Joined after 8th grade	Ruby Christian
Joined after 8th grade	Lois Cooke
Joined after 8th grade	Marie Donaldson
Joined after 8th grade	Robert Harlow
Joined after 8th grade	Thelma Peerson
Joined after 8th grade	Elizabeth Skeers
Joined after 8th grade	Eugene Thornton

Of the 15 in 1930 8th grade graduation, 9 left , 6 remained, and 7 joined.

Some 1955-56 Season Girls' Basketball

Hazel Horness (white 13) goes for a rebound against Sheldahl at the west end of the Milford gym in a picture taken from the balcony. The basket is actually out from the wall by about 3 feet. Milford girls won this game by 72 -40. Hazel was the leading scorer for us with 29 points, a career high. That's Jurine Borton (24) (contributed 21) and the third Milford lady in the front court was either Patsy Haugland or Rita Thomas. This, however was not the Lady Bulldogs largest margin of victory as just 10 days previously- on 1 Nov 1955- they had defeated Slater by 84-26, the largest winning margin of any Milford girls' basketball team. The girls ended the 1955-'56 season with a 9 win and 10 losses after cooling off during the second half of the season.

1920 Eighth Grade Graduation

The last eighth grade class, in June of 1920, that graduated from the rural Schools of Milford Twp before their movement to the Center site was surprisingly small. There were only three graduates from the nine Schools. From Number 4 (Milford School), Fern Iola Huntley and Clay Edward Gilreath: From Number 6, Mae L. Anderson. Two of these nine schools were closed because of a lack of students and a third because of lack of place to board the teacher.

The school year being what it was may have caused other students, who were now eligible for high school, to have graduated earlier in the year.

Ol' Milford Farmer think; Man who walk in front of car will get tired.

The Pleasant Grove Thimble Club

From a blurry copy but it's a very interesting recording of a group of Pleasant Grove area young women. Back Row; Cora Sowers, Irene Harden, Laura Sanders, Nellie Harden, Ollie Hughes. Middle Row; Mable Ferguson, Blanche Sowers, Addie Kimbal, Nina Harden. Front Row; Blanche Dodd and Geneive Minkler.

This group of eloquently dressed young ladies, from before the turn of the century, apparently had a skill at sewing and it would create the idea that these ladies had each sown their own dress. How long this group, and it's assumed that it was a Social organization as well as motivational and information sharing organization, was in existence is unknown as this is the only reference to the club that was found.

It is wondered how often they met and interesting to speculate as to how they got to their meetings in such eloquent clothes. Did they drive their own buggy, and who harnessed the horse? Or did Dad have to take them to their meetings and so the men might have had a social gathering in the front room, or more likely in the kitchen, so a cup of coffee and cookies could be shared while the ladies got together in the parlor?

From the Nevada Paper of 7 June 1876:

Report of the school in District No 4 of Milford Twp for the month ending 27 May. Number of pupils enrolled 15. Average daily attendance 13 3/4. Number in perfect attendance 10. Time lost by tardiness 3 hours and 3 minutes. Good deportment, Amanda Scott, Bertie Kooser, Sammy Kroser (Kooser?), Joey Scott, Frankie Scott. Teacher Ada Hall.

School number 4 is the one that is two miles south of Pleasant Grove Church.

It's a bit sobering to realize that your behavior and promptness was going to be reported in the local paper for everyone to read if they have any interest.

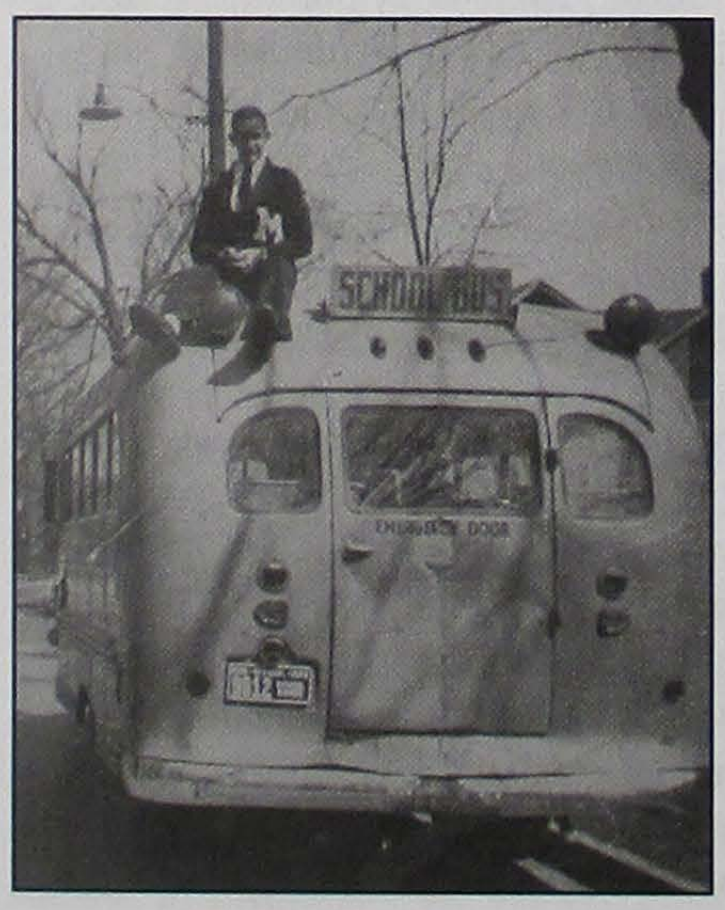
Less than three weeks later, and less than 750 miles away, in the war zone that was southern Montana, Custer and 265 soldiers met their fate at the hands of the Dakota Sioux Indians (25 June 1876). It is a bit of comparison. Milford School students were having their deportment and school attendance reported in the newspaper, and other young people, perhaps a bit older, were involved in hand to hand mortal combat for their respective way of life.

Some 1940's Woodland Dairy Employees

From a Ames Historical Society Picture: **Betty Arneson** '40, Dorothy Johnson Shepard, Luella Britson, and Marian Ullestad pose for the camera in front of Woodland Dairy office that stood on Lincoln Way across the street north of the Highway Commission building in Ames. Betty was in the Milford Class of 1940 and obtained a job with the Woodland Dairy shortly after graduation. This view, which was apparently taken just before the girls were fully posed, shows the clothing styles, hair styles (which may have somewhat been influenced by the place of employment), and the architecture style of the modern building. However, modern or not, this building has been replaced with others.

Betty, whose married name was Betty Hanson, in the last few years, wrote a book "Tidbits, but not Pineapple" and is pictured in a 2008 Roland Library get-together talking to folks of her book. A number of Story County writers, five from Milford, attended.

Studying the Situation



In the springtime of 1949, Merrill Anderson '49, comfortably poses atop one of Milford's busses while on skip day in Des Moines. It might be that he's helping the driver back the bus up by observing the traffic to avoid further damage to already dented Emergency door. The driver would be quick to point out- that's good driving- the window's not broken.

Resting on the Southwest Lawn

In the spring of 1946, as the schoolyear was drawing to a close, the lawn to the southwest of the School became the site of this gathering of Ila Bailey, Barbara Hansen, and Margaret Matters. They are three of the six girls in that graduating class. Ila was the class President and Barbara was the Sec Treas. They must have been so efficient that no others are listed as holding a class office. Photo from the Ila Bailey Nerness collection.

Miss Matters is wearing her "M" club sweater with six cheverons. Girl's basketball had just begun a year earlier at Milford so there's a little speculation as to how she earned the other four cheverons. Fellows from the time report that they thought the girls received a cheveron for cheerleading and so it may be that Miss Matters was a four year cheerleader besides her two seasons of playing basketball.

By the fifties, this policy had changed. A separate "M" was issued with a small megaphone on it.

Marvin Smith II

Veteran

The Marvin Smith II family lived 2 miles east of Milford School on the NW corner of that intersection. He was a veteran of WWII who was a B-24 pilot and served in the Pacific theater. He flew 20 missions and has two Air Medals and participated in six campaigns.

He had met his wife, Dolores, while in the Army Air Force at Hammer Air Field in California. They were married in Fresno, California, in 1945. Hammer Air Field is now the Fresno Municipal Air Port.

During the mid fifties he farmed with his Dad and his brother-in-law Ray Lounsberry. He worked in the farm auction business during the winters. His Dad, Marvin Smith, was a Story County Supervisor.

He and Doloras were the parents of Marvin III, Merrie Lyn, Ted, and Jennifer.

Tuesday 20 Feb 1872- Supervisors Meet

At the Tuesday Meeting of the Story County Board of Supervisors the Story County Poor Farm was rented to Mr Samuel Christian of Howard Township for a rent of $450 for the year.

Edit: **That's for about 300 Acres of ground.**

An Abandoned and Removed Farmstead

This farmstead, no longer in existence, was the Eli Jacobson farm and located in the SW quarter of Sec 10. This is the farm, one and a quarter mile north of Milford School, that had two long driveways to it, one from the south and one from the west as it sat off the modern roads roughly a quarter mile. The view, taken in the early 1950's, is to the north. The buildings are all gone but portions of the windbreak remain.

Eli and Lena Jacobson raised ten children and three grandchildren here. Eli died in 1937 and Lena in 1956 and this farm passed into other hands after Jacobson ownership for almost a half century. See page 223.

This farmstead was constructed about 200 yards northeast from where the Schweringen family of 1860 was supposedly "nooning" when a prairie fire came over the hill to the southwest and killed them. Originally, this farmstead sat very close to the diagonal road that ran northwest-southeast but when that road was abandoned by 1875, it necessitated the two long drives. That road was probably about 100 yards from the lower left corner of this photo. After a fashion, it represents many farmsteads that have partially or totally disappeared from the countryside.

This fine view, labeled as from 1941, of the WPA "check" dam downstream of the Soper's Mill site about 1/4 mile shows the fine effort of stonework topped with a pipe about three inches in diameter. This pipe, portions of it, are about all that remain of this structure after decades of floods and ice have done their work. The cars visible look to be of the thirties vintage and a nice attendance is evident on this fine summer day.

The Howard Jacobson Farm in 1941

When the Howard Jacobson family purchased a farm in Milford Twp in 1941, this is the farmstead that was their home. The view is to the north along the road that lies between the west half and the east half of Sec 4. Howard's oldest son, Bob, lives on this farm of just over 250 acres. (Bob, about six foot 2 inches tall, is known locally as "Big Bob" Jacobson to distinguish him from another Bob Jacobson in the Roland area who is not as tall) The house has now been replaced as have almost all the other buildings. A large machine shed sits where the north corncrib was. In the background, near the very top of the scene, is the Arnold Haugland farmstead of the 1950's and flowing from right to left between the farmsteads is Dry Creek. The area photographed probably includes the site of the 1897 drowning of Alta Harndon who lived at this farmstead and was headed, apparently, by foot, to visit kin in the farmstead located at the top of photo. pg 72

Baptism near Soper's Mill

This baptism, apparently in the mid 1890's, is labeled as being at the Soper's Mill area. Possibly this is the Revival of 1896 when the President of Simpson College at Indianola spoke at Pleasant Grove and a crowd of 1000 attended with 15 baptisms "at the River". Who the people are is unknown but it is amazing to see the very white dresses and the white hats of the ladies and try to imagine how they could be kept so clean looking considering the state of transportation and the lack of cement sidewalks. Photo above and left from Ames Historical Society

Dick Couser ' 47 helps his son, **Bill**, get an early start at the field work in this about 1959 rendition of a typical farmer father-son get together. Bill took the lessons to heart as he is a life long farmer who now lives just across the road from Milford Twp in Richland Twp. However, he's quick to point out that his mail box sets on the west side of the road, so that's in Milford Township.

Dick Couser was born and raised on the Day farm in the center of Sec 36, the "Otto" farm. That farm was sold in '46 and he then lived with Mac Allen so he could finish High School at Milford in 1947. Dick lived on the north side of Sec 24 (the Rierson farm) from 1967 until retirement in 1992.

Bill Couser, born in 1954 is a fourth generation Milford farmer. He joined the Milford Hustlers 4-H Club in 1967 when Bob Williams asked him to do so. "We were the greatest club in the world". He won champion pen of three steers and 30 years later his son, Tim, won the same class.

Bill graduated from DMAAC in 1975 with a degree in Diesel Mechanics and started farming the Menzel farm (NW 24) in '77, the worst drought in Milford Twp history. Following that in '78 the bugs moved in and in '79, the hail got him. However, in '78, after a chance meeting with Elmer Paul, he started in the cattle industry. When Elmer started farming in 1933 he had 43 head of feeding steers. Today the operation is "permitted" to 2500 and Bill is working with ISU and the DNR, together with the EPA to develop more environmentally friendly livestock options.

A "fly-in" at the Elmer Paul farmstead and airport, "Paul Field" (painted on the shed roof) in 1948.

One of Bill's hobbies is assisting with the 40 Horse Hitch put together by Dick Sparrow up by Zearing. Bill has served since he was 13 years of age and traveled all over the USA as a lead outrider for the team for over thirty years. The horses and 5 ton wagon stretch out for 135 feet along the street and part of Bill's job is to make the way clear and assist in turns. It takes 5 semi's to transport the horses from city to city.

Bill says that one of the greatest projects he has been involved with was when a local group of us got together and formed Lincolnway Energy in 2004. This is a 50 million gallon ethanol plant just to the west of the Heart of Iowa facility west of Nevada and Bill served as Chairman in 2004. He also says one of awards he has won of which he is most proud is "The Good Neighbor Award" in 2008 from Dept of Agriculture and WHO radio.

Bill and family at the Macy's Parade in New York. From Left, Tim, Casey, Nancy, and Bill.

A Dave and Dale Incident

by Dale Hughes '55

This is an incident that sounds way more dangerous today than when it happened in the winter months of 1949-'50 but perhaps it's an indication of a different time.

One evening when there was a High School basketball game being played at the Milford facility, Dave Allen '55 and I '55, who were, I believe, in the seventh grade, were just wandering around the School looking for something to do as we weren't too interested in the girl's game that was being played. We went outside the building into chilly weather that was reasonably pleasant for that time of year. While we were "dingin'" around we happened to start visiting with some three or four fellows who apparently had just graduated a year or two earlier from the school we had competition against that night. They said they weren't too interested in the girl's game and just for the purpose of waiting and staying warmer, they thought they'd get into one of the fellow's car that was parked at the northeast corner of the Milford Building. In fact, the car was almost setting on the SE corner of the Supt's lawn. "Why don't you kids come with us and get out of the weather?" "Okay, why not?" we asked each other.

Well, we no more than got into their car when one of the fellows, the driver, pulled out a can opener and a can of beer for every one in the car. His buddies started to drink the beer and it was, by now, obvious that they had been drinking earlier. I was in the back right , Dave next to me in the middle, and one of them in the back left, with three others on the front seat.

"Why don't you have a beer with us?" they politely asked. "O, no thanks," we said. Their urging continued for perhaps a minute or so and then, all of a sudden, the guy setting in the back seat said, "What--you arrogant little punks think you're too good to drink with us?" And with his can of beer, which must have been about 2/3 full, reached across Dave's head and dumped the remainder of that can of beer on my head. Dave got plenty of it on himself from the splashes and streams of beer flowing off me.

If we hadn't realized before this that we were in a place where we should not have been, we realized it then. We tried to get out of the car but they wouldn't let us. Finally, after a half minute of arguing about the matter, one of them, I think the driver said, "O, let the little _____ - _____s get out and go cry on their mother's shoulder". And with that, the others saw the wisdom in that command. We got out, walked rather sheepishly back to the south door, and because it was too cold and being wet, there was little to do except go back into the building. And who do you think was one of the first people we encountered? One of the teachers, I can't remember which one. What a commotion this lady made- mixture of anger at us for doing such a stupid thing, juxtaposed with motherly concern over our safety, and our smelling of beer: which she promptly let us know that she did not like. Pretty soon we were taken to the presence of the superintendent, again, I don't recall which one. By now everyone, it seemed, knew portions of our tale and one of the teachers, from somewhere, found a big bath towel and assisted me in wiping off as much of the beer as possible. Needless to say, I don't recall much of the boy's game. We didn't see our "friends" again so I assume they departed.

Anyhow, there wasn't much done that I can recall in the way of discipline by the teachers or the Supt against either Dave or myself-- no paddlin', no lectures, no punishments. My Dad said something to me about how he hoped I'd learned to make better decisions in the future. I don't recall my Mother saying anything,

which at the present time, is a real surprise. I don't recall Dave ever saying what reaction his folks had. No new School policies were issued although I vaguely remember there being a suggestion by the School authorities before the next game that students should not go out of the building during games; but I don't think it was enforced.

I occasionally reflect on the difference between the reaction by the School Administration and my folks then and what would happen if that situation were repeated today. Times were different I guess. But to me- the old saying about "Boys will be boys" has some validity and it was a valuable learning experience.

Connie Brooks '62N reminisces of her brother Clint

'68N and sister, Carol '69N and relates the following memory of a time just before Clint's death in Nov of 2007. They are the children of LaVern '40 and Dorris Brooks and grandchildren of David and Jenny Brooks.

Clint Brooks always reminded my sister, Carol Griffieon, and me how it was important to remember and keep track of our heritage. One of the last things we talked and laughed about prior to his passing is how- when we attended PTA, 4-H, basketball games, any community or church function, and the farm wives always brought desserts at the least, and oftentimes main dishes, as part of just what you did when you met with community. Everyone would use Bandage brand white adhesive tape and put that on their bowls/ pans/ pots with their names. No matter what, you always got those dishes back – and clean. Clint had a set of 3 mixing bowls and a covered 9 x13 pan that our mom, Dorris (LaVern) Brooks always used for taking to 'events'.....and that was one of the last things he shared and gave to me prior to his death. What great reminder of my heritage-- especially as we shared it in Milford Township.

Earliest Automobile Accident found in Milford Twp

The earliest report of an automobile accident that occurred in Milford Twp was on Wed 18 July 1918. The accident happened at a point two miles east of the Pleasant Grove Church. Ed Hall, driver, two of his sisters, and a young couple were in the vehicle that left the road east bound and rolled over on its top. Abrasions and cuts from flying glass were the injuries and how they escaped more serious injuries is unbelievable. The Halls are thought to have lived 1 1/4 mile north of the School and down the long lane to the east.

Some Good Milford Trivia

Do you know that Loren Rierson owned the first "Ball-point pen" in Milford Twp School? Or so it's reported.

Getting Ready for the 1948 TB X-Rays in Milford

In a very obviously posed picture Casper Thompson looks over the ladies shoulders to "study" the plans and data before Verna Borton, Hazel Strother, Oma Gardner, Frances Danielson. Close to ninety percent of the folks in the Township participated. Page 242 also

Only in a Rural Community

John Heriem, age 25, who lived a mile east and 1/2 mile north of Milford School, east bound on what would now be called 190th Street, ran his Ford into a "drove" of cattle after dark on Thursday night, 3 Sept 1931.

The cattle, headed west, were being lead by Fred Barrett in a car signaling approaching cars and he had other men driving the cattle. The collision, which killed two cattle and injured four others, badly damaged the Ford and John suffered facial and scalp wounds, as well as other bruises. He was taken to the office of Dr. Bowers in Nevada.

It is thought that Fred Barrett lived two and 3/4 miles east of Milford School. John Heriem would be the brother of Mrs Gilreath, well known Milford Grade School teacher, and graduated in Milford's first graduation class.

The Heating Plant

The only picture found of the coal burning heating plant at Milford School with the janitor, Gaylon (Jigs) Mann, at the controls. 1939 scene from a very small print.

Also, in the heating plant category, both the Milford and Shipley School chimneys were hit by lightning during the summer of 1961 and they both were repaired at a combined cost of $5000 in August of '61.

Ila Bailey '46

Left: Ila provides an interesting study of the 4-H uniform worn by the girls in the mid-forties. The chevron adorn patch on her left arm, reminiscent of a Army Sergeant's stripes, shows the years of participation in 4-H; in this instance, four. A comparison of a mid-fifties 4-H uniform can be viewed on page 211.

1939 Baseball Crew

This highly magnified copy of a very small print was labeled "Baseball Crew". It would appear that a number of the fellows are over the high school age and definitely not dressed in typical baseball uniforms. So perhaps, it was a snapshot of a "farmers vs varsity" games that were played a couple times a year- one in the spring and one in the fall. There appears to be some Tjelmelands, Harpers, Durbys, and perhaps some Brooks in attendance.

Some photos from the Harry Sorensen Family. Several are very typical of everyday scenes in any farm and home of the era. Used by permission of the Sorensen Family.

Upper left: Mrs Sorensen directs daughter Lois in this kitchen while the Calendar on the wall is open to June 1937. Note the wood and cob heating stove and the refrigerator in the corner. Probably a GE with the condenser on top. These operated on sulfur dioxide or methyl formate and cost about $300 which, with inflation, would be in the area of $4500 now. They were apparently a very good unit as a few are still in service.

Upper and Middle Right: Cultivating with the one row cultivator. Note the corn population which is probably in the range of 13,000 plants an acre. The field is amazingly weed free. That's Kermit, Harry, and Dick in the top photo and Harry as the lone cultivator.

Middle Left: Looks like Dinner time for the haying crew. That's Harry with his back to the camera and on his left is Marvin. Dinner time is the noon meal. Hanna is setting with her back to the door so it's convenient to get something from the kitchen.

Bottom Left: Harry poses with the trusty shotgun in front of a corn crib wall with about 26 fox pelts. Note the trap in front of his left shoe. Hunting and trapping added to the family income and, if it happened to be a hobby, too; then, so much the better.

Above: The crew brings in a load of hay in this picturesque setting of summer in Iowa. The horses leaning into the harness and the fellows sharing a jug of water. It looks like the last load in the field so there's reason for the apparent merriment on the hayrack. Marvin is driving the team, Harry is at the right, and daughter Lois, who looks as though she must have brought the water jug out the hot hay field, in the middle.

Tornado Affects Milford Twp Man
Dick "Richard" Coy, '61

Dick retired in December of 2005 after working for the Dept of Natural Resources for 42 1/2 years in the wildlife section, most of the time in the Parkersburg, Iowa, area. Following retirement, he and his wife, Camilla, moved into Parkersburg.

On Sunday 25 May 2009 Dick and his wife returned from Minnesota to their home on the very southeast edge of Parkersburg shortly after the F5 tornado struck Parkersburg. Their home was just on the southern edge of the east to west path of the tornado. The high school, located about two blocks north of their home, was destroyed.

The Coys lost part of their home but they considered themselves lucky in that north of their home for eight blocks, every home was gone and this path of destruction continued from the west side of town to the east side.

Dick writes, "We were alone. Our sons were in the Canadian Boundary Waters and could not be reached even by cell phone. But, when the sun rose Monday morning, Dept of Natural Resource workers (fellow coworkers) arrived with hammers, wood, plastic and chainsaws to help. We cannot express the surge of relief we felt. They covered the broken windows, holes in the siding and resheeted the roof which saved our home from further damage by the following days of heavy rain. They cut down trees and moved debris. Relatives and other volunteers all pitched in to help clean up the mess. The town is growing back bigger and better."

"My wife, an RN, will be retiring this year ('09). We plan to spoil the grandchildren and do a little traveling."

An F5 tornado has winds that exceed 205 mph, and somehow, it was determined that these winds did hit that category. It went through Parkersburg at about 6 PM as it cut a path 43 miles long, between 3/4 to 1 1/5 mile wide and killed 7 people, and injured 70. It destroyed an estimated 350 buildings in Parkersburg. It was the second deadliest tornado in Iowa since official records have been kept- 1950. It is reported this F5 tornado was the first F5 to strike Iowa since the 13 June 1976 Jordan Tornado. (Named after the Boone County Iowa town of Jordan)

* **June Bug in the Barn** *

An ol' Milford dairyman told this and swears it happened;

One evening a Milford farmer was milking his favorite cow when a June Bug flew into the barn and started flying around him and the cow. Suddenly the June Bug flew into the ear of the cow and disappeared. The farmer thought little of it until a few moments later when the bug squirted out into the milk-bucket--It went in one ear and out da udder!

Larry Baldus Supt
Fall 1949-Spring 1952
Written by Son Jerry Baldus

"Dad went to Loras College in Dubuque Iowa. He graduated in education with a specialty in sports and latin. As result his early career was spent coaching and teaching latin. He started his career in Tama, Iowa, as a coach of football. He met mom there and they were married a year and half later. Mom was from Toledo, Iowa, a small city next to Tama. After they were married Dad continued to work in Tama, Robert was born and Dad changed jobs and was hired at Buffalo Center as their head football coach, where Jerry was born.

"After 3 successful years at Buffalo Center where they beat their local rival Forest City, Dad again changed jobs and went to Forest City as their football coach. It was about this time that Mary Kay was born and our family was complete for this generation. After a short few years in Forest City Dad went to Battle Creek, Michigan, as head football coach. This was during the war. For some reason he was not inducted into the army so he coached football and as a second job worked at the local mill that made breakfast cereal.

"Dad came from a large family on a farm near Story City, Iowa. There were 12 brothers and sisters. Three of the brothers were in the army as was one of the sisters. One brother died early in the war, the other two remained in the army until the war was over. When the war ended Dad moved to Boone, Iowa, again as head football coach and, as everywhere else, Dad taught latin whenever possible and coached other miscellaneous sports programs like womens swimming in Boone. It was after 4 years in Boone coaching football that he began thinking of a change in his career and he interviewed with Milford for the superintendents job and was hired.

"Dad really enjoyed Milford. I think this was primarily due to the people in the community and to the kids in the school. Of all of Dads coaching or teaching jobs , I believe he enjoyed this job the most.

"We moved from Milford to Ames where Dad continued to develop his insurance business that he had started part time while at Milford. After awhile he purchased a small café to supplement his income while continuing to develop his insurance agency. After 3 years he sold the café and simultaneously studied for and received his real estate sales license. He added this to his insurance agency and he became a major player in insurance and real estate in Ames. He continued in this capacity until retiring a few years before his death. Dad died leaving mom to continue on for another ten years before passing away last year. (*Edit; 2008*) Survivors were Sons, Robert and Jerry, daughter Mary Kay, 12 grandchildren, and 25 great grandchildren."

Edit: I was in the 5th and 6th grade when Mr Baldus was at Milford and I recall he had a concept that young men should learn to dance, with the girls, so the young men might learn some grace and timing and thereby become better athletes. I didn't know what I thought of that at the time --and I still don't.

Mary Harper '51A Lackore

She writes of some of her experiences at Milford.

"I attended ISU my first year 1951-52 and then transferred to NIU. I attended there, along with my fiance, Gene Lackmore, '52-'53 and summer school that summer to receive my 2 year teachers' certificate.

"I interviewed with the Board of Education at Milford and was hired to teach 1st and 2nd grade. I started my first teaching job on my 20th birthday in the same classroom I had started in the day I was 6 years old. You may recall there was no kindergarten, so we all started in the first grade.

"The day I started first grade was "show day" for Duroc hogs at the Iowa State Fair. We always attended that so I had to choose between going to the fair or taking cupcake treats for my fist day on my birthday. You probably can guess which I chose.

"In 1953 when I received my class list for first and second grade, There were 36 students for this 20 year old beginning teacher. I attended the first Board Meeting in September and pleaded for help of some kind. I assured them that I could contain the students and keep them busy, but I wasn't sure how much learning would take place. They hired another teacher for second grade and built a partition through our large classroom. The new teacher took second grade and I had 18 first graders. Perfect!! During the school year I rode with teachers Mrs Jesse Petersen and Mrs Gilreath from Ames while living with my parents. In the evenings I waited tables at a dinner place in Ames. Gene and I were married in August of that summer of 1954. I taught at the Cedar Heights Schools1954-55 and in Connecticut after that while Gene got his Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School."

Edit: Mary, daughter of Harlan and Joan Harper, taught at Milford for just the one year, '53-'54. Her Parents established a tradition of long term marriages, a few details on page 224.

Milford's Undefeated Season

In the fall of 1931, the Milford Baseball team ended their rather short season with a perfect 5-0 record. They defeated the Farmers, 7-4: Shipley 12-6; Jordon 10-6; Gilbert 7-3; and in the season ender; Roland 4-3. The Nevada Paper writes:

"The game was featured by the fine work of the mound men- Holland of Roland who allowed Milford but six hits and J. Alfred of Milford who cut the Roland boys off with but five safe blows. Another feature of the contest was the errorless support given by both teams to their pitcher."

For a complete high school game to have gone errorless in that time period must have been a very unusual event when one looks at the size of the gloves that were used and compare that with the small "bushel baskets" that are used by today's players. J. Jacobson and M. Arrasmith were the top batters for Milford that day against Roland as they each went two for three at the bat. L. Burley and R. Watson each got one hit.

The Jordon game of this season was the one where Max Arrasmith was struck in the head with a bat and knocked unconscious. It's good to see that he didn't suffer any long term affects from this incident was back out there competing.

Milford Organizes a Reading Club

In Oct of 1931 the American Literature Class of Milford organized a reading club for the purpose of studying books written by American authors. They had a full roster of Officers apparently elected and then had a book selection committee appointed by Supt Morgan .

When a little reading is done about this reading club, it might strike one that it was a "scheme" by the book publishers to get more books sold. There were dues paid by the members and with those proceeds books were being bought. The goal was to buy two books a week. At the end of 10 weeks it is thought that each member will own one book besides having the liberty of reading many others. Meetings were held regularly and the books were discussed. Imagination would think this club was rather short-lived.

1956 Bond Issue

A bond issue was approved by the voters of Milford Twp for $65,000 on 7 Feb 1956 for the construction of a new gym and three class rooms plus two restrooms and dressing rooms, training rooms and coach's office. The new gym will have a floor 88 ft long and 66 ft wide. Seating would be along the north side and accommodate approximately 600 and another 100 could be seated on the stage.

The per pupil cost of the Milford Twp School District is $298.12 for elementary students and $643.75 which is higher than most of the surrounding schools.

The bond issue required a 60% passage and it easily obtained that goal with 123 yeas and 63 nays. The poll was open from Noon to 7 PM.

The goal was to have the new facility ready for the start of the 1956-57 school year but, because of steel strike, that goal was delayed a few months. Plans were to begin construction as soon as possible as the thinking was the construction would not interfere with school.

Cholera Infantum Strikes Milford Twp.

From the Aug 1896 paper. *Little Laurence Minkler, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Chas Minkler, died last Saturday morning of Cholera Infantum. He was sick only three days, the bereaved family have the sympathy of the neighborhood in their hour of sadness, but there is a blessed hope in the promise of God to us in times of trouble.* **Edit: The Minklers owned land two miles south of Pleasant Grove Church on the east side of the road.**

Pleasant Grove Service Flag

The World War II service record which was hung on the wall of the Pleasant Grove Church included the following names of men from the community, not necessarily from Milford Twp; Gene Watson, Walter Jacobson, Russel Buttrey, Kenneth Hughes, Dixon Harper, Leonard Jones, Dale Sampson, Fred Matters, Donald Halverson, Earl Lee, James Matters, Harlan Harper, Carroll C. Doolittle, Carroll Arnenson, Joe Alfred, Robert Alfred, Wayne Buttrey, Merril Johnson, Howard Johnson, Ed Hagerland, Charles Samson, Floyd Clark, Robert Comfort, Donald Wakefield, Stanley Gineskee, Eugene Arnenson, Edward Eller, and Gordon Bivens. **See page 55 and 194.**

ETERNAL RESIDENTS RESTING
in
Milford Township

*** at RIGHT or after the entry** denotes obituaries on the website Iowa Gen Web-Story County. Linda Hughes '63 Meyers (R G) has gathered the obits and info about the cemeteries and has compiled a hard copy notebook for Pleasant Grove as well as shares the information with the Iowa web site for all known obits in the four Milford Twp Cemeteries.

Italicized bold print after the entry denotes all known ranks of the ***military personal*** we honor for their bravery and our freedom!

m=married, (with spouses first name or initials)

BROUHARD FARM CEMETERY

The James Brouhard Child, Anna, age 11, 1856, rests near a farm field, in Sec 5 of Milford Twp. Her marker is the only remaining evidence of the cemetery that at one time included some 20 graves.

PLEASANT GROVE CEMETERY

Milford Twp, Story County, IA

Eight ***military personal*** and some 47 children under the age of 18 are peacefully at rest in Sec 7 at Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Adams, Claude 1880-1882 son of Ed & Mary
Adams, Edson T (m Mary J) 1855-1939
Adams, Mary Jane(Kooser d of G'rge)1858-1933*
Alfred, Florida 1853-1883
Alfred, George Hilling (m Nancy) 1821-1904*
Alfred, Lucy D 1878-1933 ***WWI Nurse***
Alfred, Nancy (Arrasmisth) 1835-1911*
Alfred, Nathaniel D 1862-1884*
Alfred, OF (only OFA on stone, no other record)
Anderson, Johnie N 1859-1881
Anderson, Joseph S (m Sarah) 1835-1898*
Anderson, Sarah 1833-1903*
Arnold, Anna Marie (Jensen) 1922-2009*
Arnold, William Theodor (m Anna M) 1916-1993
Arrasmith, Catherine (Grove) 1836-1914*
Arrasmith, Charles Adam 1875-1941
Arrasmith, Elijah Grant (m Sarah) 1872 -1930*
Arrasmith, Emma May 1873-1885
Arrasmith, Esther M 1911-1911 (Infant)
Arrasmith, George Antrim 1862-1934*
Arrasmith, James Lonas 1864-1881
Arrasmith, Lucy M 1858-1859
Arrasmith, Oliver F 1870-1894*
Arrasmith, Sarah J 1878-1943*
Arrasmith, Thomas J 1856-1857
Arrasmith, Walter B 1903-1904
Arrasmith, Wesley (m Catherine) 1828-1893*
Bailey, Emma J (m J M) 1856-1883
Bales, Margaret 1873-1875
Barker, Arthur Otis ?-? (no dates on stone)
Barker, Ernest Eugene 1896-__
Born, Delbert 1907-1907 (Infant)
Born, Caroline (Randau) 1846-1909*
Brown, Almon ?-? (no stone)
Brown, Charles W (m Elizabeth) 1853-1869
Brown, Elizabeth ?-? (no stone)
Brown, Ollie D 1870-1870 (Infant)
Carr, Merna May 1889-1889 (Infant0
Cleveland, Clara 1799- ? (no stone)
Crowder, Alice A (Sowers) 1854-1944 (no stone)
daughter of ***Union War Vet, Wm*** & Emeline
Crowder, Alvia C 1882-1882 (Infant)
Crower, Gertie ?-? (Infant) (no stone)
Crowder, Isaac 1852-1887*
Crowder, Katie ?-? (Infant) (no stone)
Crowder, Laura E 1883-1884
Davis, Elizabeth (Rood) 1822-1895*
Davis, Henry (m Elizabeth) 1819-1896*
Dodds, Lydia Agnes (Hughes) 1847-1937*
Lydia was a teacher at Pleasant Grove
Dodds, Robert Nixon (m Lydia) 1840-1920*
Dotson, Keith ?-? (blank stone)
E M A and a blank stone in Lot#32 no other info?
Eymann, Rosa C 1874-1892
Forbell, Esther Mae (Sorenson) 1923-1992*
Forbell, Herbert E (m Esther) 1913-2003
Forbell, Lani Sue (daug of Herbert) 1945-1993
Harper, Eva (Sherman) Hitchcock 1865-1948*
Harper, John W (m Eva) 1857-1943*
Hitchcock, Wm 'Willie' (son of Eva) 1890-1928*
Hoover, Hannah C 1827-1882
Hoover, Wm or Jacob (m Hannah) ?-? (no stone)
Horness, Martha E. Sorenson 1867-1944*
Horness, Nels M (m Martha) 1860-1934*
Howe, Eliza A 1818-1886
Howland, Emma May 1870-1871
Howland, T B (father: Emma&Balus) 1819-1888
Hughes, Alma Ruth 1882-1891*
Hughes, Charles Rexford (m Minnie) 1880-1962*
Hughes, Clifford & Harold 1908 (Infant twins)
Hughes, Edna Marie(Godfrey) 1909-1988(Star)*
Hughes, Eleanor (Strawn) (m T R) 1818-1909*
Hughes, Ella M (Brown) 1848-1918*
Hughes, Jacob Charles 'Jake' 1974-1999*
Hughes, John Strawn (m Ella) 1842-1909
Hughes, Kenneth Charles (m Mabel) 1912-1978*
Army Tsgt WWII
Hughes, Kennie O 1875 (Infant)*
Hughes, Loyd Charles (m Loretta) 1939-1998*
Hughes, Loyd Servigna 2007 (Infant)*
Hughes, Mabel (Morrison) (mKC) 1918-2007*
Hughes, Minnie Catherine (Toll) 1881-1942*
Hughes, Norman Rexford 1936-1944*
Hughes, Rexford Lowell 1974-1985*
Hughes, Rexford Wm (mEdna)1909-1957(Mason)*
Hughes, Robbie 1843-1884
Hughes, Ruth A (daug of TR) 1840-1866
Hughes, Thomas Rhinehart(mEleanor) 1813-1894
Hughes, Ulysses S G (son of TR) 1861 (Infant)
Hughes, Wm Swayze (m Sarah) 1853-1911*
Hunter, Blanche R (Dodds) 1873-1904*
Hunter, Merrill D 1901-1926*
Kooser, Ed T (m M Belle) 1876-1937*
Kooser, M Belle 1876-1953*
Lennin, William 1805-1893 (no stone)*
Matters, Eva Jane (Morain) 1861-1906
Matters, John Willis (m Eva) 1857-1940*
Noble, James M (m Jemima) 1823-1906*
Noble, Jemima (Cochran) 1827-1895*
Nolan, Minnie 'Marie' (Hughes) 1905-1996*
Nolan, Patrick J (m Minnie 'Marie') 1906-1982*
Osborn, Archie C 1916-1998*
Osborn, George Lewis 1893-1983 ***Navy WWII****
Osborn, Helen J (Sevde)(m George) 1887-1965*
Randau, Fritz (m Mathilde) 1830-1899 ***Civil War***
Randau, Helena (of Fritz & Ma) 1880-1881
Randau, Hermine (of Fritz & Ma) 1881-1882
Randau, Infants (of Wm & Caroline (Born) ?-?
Randau, Johanna (of GF & Julia) 1840-1877
Randau, Julia (m G F) 1801-1877
Randau, Mathilde (m Fritz) 1853-1888
Randau, Wm (m Caroline Born) 1826-1890
Roberts, George F (m Stella) 1902-1978*
Roberts, Stella A (P Grove Organist) 1912-1998*
Robey, Derrick Scott1965-1985*
(son/Janet Simonsen)
Saldana, Kathy (Sorenson) 1961-2005*
Sanders, Ernert Lester (m Lela Mae) 1897-1945*
Sanders, Lela Mae (Dearth) 1902-1921*
Sawyer, Everel Howard (of H&Nina) 1911-1913*
Sawyer, Howard (m Nina) 1876-1960 (Mason)*
Sawyer, Nina 1879-1860 (Eastern Star)*
Sawyer, Phyllis (of Howard & Nina) ? Infant
Scott, Annie R (of Andrew & Zelpha)1866-1873
Scott, Mary J (of Andrew & Zelpha) 1861-1877
Scott, Zelpha Ann (Grove)(m Andrew)1840-1874
Simonsen, Magnus (m Margaret) 1907-2003*
Simonsen, Margaret (Jensen) 1913-2004*
Skelton, Infant (of Joe) 1887-1888
Sorenson,Arnold Clifford1932-2008 ***KoreanWar****
Sorenson, Edward (of SE&Lula) 1917-1932
Sorenson, Lula A (Huffmeister) 1894-1974
Sorenson, Soren E (m Lula) 1890-1960
Sowers, Bessie M (of T J & Mary M) 1881-1882
Sowers, Lloyd (of TJ & Mary (Smith) 1889-1890
Sowers, Mary Ferguson (of Del&M) 1909-1913
Sowers, Nellie (of TJ & Mary) 1878-1887
Spencer, CharlesHallam (DH&Sarah) 1877-1883
Spencer, David Hallam (m Sarah) 1840-1930*
Spencer, Elbert Elmer (of DH&Sarah) 1872-1883
Spencer, Sarah A (Skinner) (m D H) 1849-1916*
Spencer, Wm Byron (of DH & Sarah) 1871-1883
Swearingen, Ben (m Minnie) 1868-1918
Swearingen, Emily J (m James) 1850-1901*
Swearingen, James B 1842-1922 ***Civil War****
Swearingen, Minnie (m Ben) 1873-1903
Tuttle, Mrs A and Family (m Andrew) 1830-1916
Warren, Wesley Otis (mRuth) 1927-2000 ***WWII***
White, Marie (Sorenson)(m Robert) 1921-2008*
Wilkinson, Cora M (of EO & Emily) 1871-1947*
Wilkinson, Edger O 1841-1926 ***Civil War****
Wilkinson, Emily C (m Edger) 1849-1922
Wilkinson, Josephine (of EO&Emily) 1868-1877
Wilkinson, Lemuel M (of EO&Emily)1876-1884
Wilkinson, Myrtie E (of EO & Emily) 1879-1887
Yelton, James Gerard(mSusan)1839-1892no stone
Yelton, Margaret (of James & Susan) ?-? 24 yrs
Yelton, Susan Jane (Lennin) 1839-1931*
Yelton,WmFranklin (of JG &S) 1866-1933no stn*

Grove Brothers

Edit: The Grove Brothers cenopath: George W., 1840-1862, and Jacob, 1842-1863, were not interned in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Their father was A.L. Grove who was later moved to the Ames City Cemetery. See page 191.

ASHES to ASHES

CREMATION to ASH has also become a form of final choice. Two known farmers in Milford Twp selected to have their ashes scattered over their farms. In the process of carrying out Ernie's wishes, Louise Bhend and the chartered pilot flew over the farm in Sec 12 to empty the urn.

The family of Richard Sorensen, ***Army WWII,*** gathered privately in the beautiful setting of the trees and farm meadow in Sec 34 for his final wish.

Marvin Smith III had planted a Riparian Buffer Strip along the West Indian Creek where, as per his wishes, his wife Andi and his family; Grace, Jordan, Gretchen & Zach scattered his ashes in 2002.

A bench, in memory of Florine and Jurine, on the Borton plot in the Evergreen Cemetery has slots to accommodate earns.

EVERGREEN MEMORY GARDEN

Milford Twp, Nevada, Iowa

20 acres located in Sec 36, Chartered in 1960

Privately owned, with pre-sold plots

Evergreen Field of Honor for Veterans of All Wars:

Anderson, Edward H 1920-1990
Anderson, Emma V (mEH) 1917-
Ballentine Edward H 1916-2002*
Ballentine, F Ruth (mEH) 1922-1994*
Christensen, Dorothy L (mMA) 1913-1993*
Christensen, Merlin A 1911-1982 ***S Sgt US Army WWI***
Frandsen, Arnold C 1916-
Frandsen, Ida A (mAC) 1916-
Hansen, Ivan Everett 1929-
Hansen, Sarah 'Sally' (mIE) 1929-
Hinderaker, Bernard (mRF)
Hinderaker, Rosemary F 1939-
Johnson, Lorraine (mRA) 1919-
Johnson, Roy A 1917-2008*
Natto, Geraldine (mJess) 1920-2006*
Natto, Jess 1918-1994
Rierson, Kay Y (mLE) 1932-
Parents of Sara, Matthew, Mary
Rierson, Loren E. 1928-1988 ***WWII***
Stouwie, Barry Gene II 1990-1990 (Infant)
Stouwie, Carolyn K (mC Jr) 1941-
Stouwie, Cecil Jr 1938-

There are 15 other Military Veterans in Evergreen Cemetery:

Allie, Alberta L (mJD) 1923-2004*
Allie, Jerome D 1924-1982*
Baker, Marjorie M (mWH) 1912-1978
Baker, Wm Harold 1910-2002*
Banks, Charles E 1920-2005* ***Sgt 2nAirCargo Resply WWII***
Banks, Helen L (mCE) 1927-
Bass, Lydia M 1913-1987*
Beach, Roscoe Harold 1920-1979* ***Pfc US WWII Arm***
Borton, Janice Kay (mAW) 1942-1969*
Borton, Roy E 1910-1965* (Mason)
Parents (Roy) of Florine, Jurine, Arthur
Borton, Verna M (mRoy) 1913-2002*
Boston, Ralph O 1899-1977*
Boston, Hattie (mRO) 1908-1968*
Bowers, HE Gene 1915-1971*
Bowers, Irene M (mGene) 1922-2008*
Brodie, Andrew N 1907-1983 (Mason)*
Brodie, Irene A (mAN) 1916-2008*
Burnett, Ethel M 1922-1975*
Casperson, James A 1925-1987 ***WWII****
Casperson, Dorothy M (mJ A) 1924-2005*
Chitty, Charles R 1934-1989*
Parents(CR)of Martin, Matthew, Michael
Chitty, Kenneth A 1915-1980 ***Sgt 13 Fgtr ComndUS Army WWII***
Chitty, Matthew 1960-20
Chitty, Michael C 1962-1979*
Chitty, Rosella L (mCR) 1939-2003*
Chitty, Russell J 1906-1976*
Cochran, Betty L (mDJ) 1926-2005*
Cochran, Donald J 1931-
Corbin, Ralph Victor 1918-2007*
Corbin, Violet F 1930-
Cowser, Harvey C 1906-1970
Cowser, Lena Belle (mHC) 1913-1975
Craig, Doris E (JO) 1920-
Craig, James O 1918-
Craig, Terry L 1942-1977
Cram, April R 1995 (Infant-17 days)
Cram, B J Lee 1994 (Infant-March 14)
Cram, Marion C 1920-1982 ***Pvt US Army WWII***
Dadisman, Irene E (mLC) 1904-1975
Dadisman, Lloyd C 1910-1991*
Davis, Edward G 1927-1993*
Davis, Elaine E (mEG) 1930-
Davis, Ricky E 'Riccochet' 1953-1978*
Day, Raymond J 1915-1993
Day, Ruth E (mRJ) 1918
Dobson, Carlton (mDE) 1913-
Dobson, Dorothy Ellen 1916-1989*
Dobson, Janice (mMax) 1938-
Dobson, Max 1935-
Dueland, Leonard N (mBL) 1918-1991*
Dueland, Bernadine L 1922-1986*
Dunahoo, Barbara P (mDF) 1920-2001*
Dunahoo, Donald Floyd 1917-1998*
Gaard, Floramae 1934-2007*
Gartin, Helen L (mRK) 1926-1990
Gartin, Raymond Keith 1923-2001*
Goosic, Cecil C 1909-1984*
Goosic, Fae L (mCC) 1915-1979*
Grady, Jeanne (mR) 1949-1989
Grady, Robert 1946-2006*
Greenfield, Evelyn B 1903-1985
Griffith, Marjorie E (mRR) 1924-1985*
Griffith, Roger R 1909-1979*
Hall, Betty Jean 1924-1994*
Hall, Harold J (mBJ) 1913-1993*
Halliburton, J Wayne 1914-1975
Halliburton, Pauline C (mJW) 1920-
Harmon, Francis M 1908-1987
Harmon, Lois D (mFM) 1900-1981
Hobson, Clarence O 1905-1970*
Hobson, Fern N (mCO) 1903-1983*
Hodges, Geneva M (mWB) 1922-2003
Hodges, Wesley B 1918-1982*
Hodgson, George Wm 1915-1983*
Hodgson, Geraldine G (mGW) 1920-2001*
Holland, Emmett Martin 1910-2003*
Holland, Erma B (mEM) 1911-1992*
Hornbacher, Josie T (mDan) 1899-1988*
Hornbacker, Daniel 1895-1981 ***Pvt US Army WWI***
Howard, Anita J 1927-
Huhn, Ina O (mLH) 1901-1982*
Huhn, Loren H 1903-1986*
Huse, Carl Jr 1927-1997* (Mason)
Huse, Dorothy J (mCJr) 1926- (Star)
Jackson, Ruby A (mWA) 1915-
Jackson, Ward A 1909-1974 ***Em 3 US Navy, WWII***
Jacobson, Dale R 1946-2003*
Jacobson, Jordon L 1905-1975*
Jacobson, Marilyn (mDR) 1948-
Jacobson, Michael David 1953-2002
Jacobson, Wade A 1968-1980*
Johnson, Dwight D 1985-1987 (Infant)
Son of Kenneth and Marianne
Johnson, Kenneth 1955-2008*
Kearns, Harriet M (mOA) 1910-1964*
Kearns, Owen A 1907-1991*
Kemmerer, Van G 1914-1987 ***Tec 5 US Army WWII***
Krebs, Beverly J (mVC) 1934-
Krebs, Vernon Clark 1930-1982 ***Cpl US Army***
Lock, Nita Mae 1924 - 2007*
Mackey, Audrey 1923-
Mathis, Julie E (mRG) 1984-1988
Mathis, Raymond G 1920-
McBride, M Maxine (mM) 1924-1964
McBride, Marvin 1921-
Melohn, Beatrice R (mRE) 1931-
Melohn, Patricia J 1952-1990
Melohn, Russell E 1928-
Montgomery, Bessie M (mLR) 1909-1991
Montgomery, Lewis R 1906-1976
Mooney, Jack Leroy 1935-1989 ***Pvt US Army***,
Myers, Dick 1901-1981
Myers, Helen (mDick) 1916-
Neal, Violet Carmen 1915-1968
Ockenga, Joseph L 1903-1984
Ogier, Evelyn L (mRW) 1927-1980
Ogier, Ralph W 1924-1988 ***EM 3 US Navy WWII***
Onstot, Robert 1932-2007*
Otto, Clint L 1958-1981 (son of Earl and Doris)
Otto, Ruby V (mWW) 1922-2005*
Otto, Wayne W 1917-1998
Oxley, Iva L (Pauley) (mRW) 1932-
Oxley, Marjorie M (mOwen) 1908-1980
Oxley, Owen 1900-1981
Oxley, Robert W 1926-
Parham, Marjorie (mOL) 1938-
Parham, Otis L 1934-
Parks, Omar A 1890-1966
Parks, Verna K (mOA) 1900-
Pauley, Hazel L (mVE) 1911-2002
Pauley, Victor E 1905-1978
Post, Betty L (mNG) 1927-1979
Post, Flora M (mWE) 1907-1979 (Star)
Post, Norman G 1926-2005*
Post, WE 'Bill' 1909-1973 ***WWII****
Poush, Tia Lynn 1976-1976 (Infant)
Poush, Veletta A 1928-2008*
Reyman, Geogory A 1962-1972
Reyman, Howard A 1896-1968 ***Pfc Cen Rec Off WWI***
Reyman, June B (mSA) 1931-
Reyman, Rozetta R (mHA) 1898-1980 (Star)
Reyman, Stanley A 1929-
Ridgway, Roxann Marie 1965 (Infant)
Sage, Diana L 1949-1988
See, Benjamin J 1906-1976
See, Ernest W 1929-
See, Frances I (mGL) 1912-1982
See, George L 1908-1987
See, Myrtle L (mBJ) 1913-1996
See, Pearl A (mEW) 1928-1978 (Moose)
Smith, Emma May (mWE) 1935-
Smith, Harold 1930-1995
Smith, Joseph S 1902-
Smith, Marlene (mHarold) 1933-1999
Smith, Sarah (mJS) 1912-
Smith, Wm Earl 1931-1990
Spencer, Eva M (mRL) 1933-
Spencer, Royal Lee 1922-1982 ***WWII***
Stemler, 'Tad' Craig LeRoy 1958-1975
Stemler, Lizzie P 1906-1985
Stemler, Marlene (mWL) 1931-
Stemler, W LeRoy 1928-2003
Stole Eugene M 1927-1989
Stole, Lola M (mEM) 1930-
Stole, Michael Eric 1964-1966
Thompson, Dorothy A (mRH) 1926-
Thompson, Robert H 1922-1982
Uitermark, Harry 1907-1990*
Uitermark, Lola V (mH) 1915-2003
Vogt, Claude A 1917-
Vogt, Kathryn I (mCA) 1924-
Whitehead, Joel 1951-2005
Whitehead, Marjorie (mW) 1932-2007*
Whitehead, Walter 1923-2000
Williams, Joan J (mJB) 1933-1992
Williams, Ida May (mLL) 1905-1978
Williams, John B 1927-1994
Williams, Lawrence 1905-1973 ***Pfc US ArmyWW II***
Wilson, Anna Mae (mCN) 1924-2007*
Wilson, Charles N 1920-1990
Wilson, Elsie Sibley (mRT) 1893-1983
Wilson, Ralph T 1893-1966
Wineinger, June M (mRL) 1927-
Wineinger, Robert L 1929-1982

STORY COUNTY HOME CEMETERY
Knoll/Poor Farm

The Story County Knoll Cemetery, a small square plot, can be remembered as being bordered by the distinct tall pine trees. The burial ground goes back to the time when the county supervisors purchased a farm in 1869 from C B Stetson in Sec 35 of Milford Twp for a Care Facility known as the "poor farm." The plot was just to the left of the entry to the facility's main entrance where the long drive led to the beautiful setting of buildings housing the patrons and care givers.

J.H.Howard was the first internment in 1870. The first nine graves were literally marked numbers only, one through nine, each by a small concrete post. A list of those buried is found in Allen's "History of Story County," which was published in 1887 and listed those buried prior to 1887:

[1] J H Howard died 1870
[2] Tobias Tierson 44 1 Jan 1886
[3] Knudt Thompson
[4] Ada Underwood
[5] Jacob Wilson
[6] Hollis
[7] Mike Mooney 34 yrs
[8] M B Nash 80 yrs
[9] Mrs Jane Thompson 84
also a 10 mos old child is laid in that row:
Charles VanDusen

Early County Death Records list these burials:

Dundas, Louisa 75y 4m 12d Mar 31 1892
Gassaman, Joseph 87 Aug 2 1891
Grosclose, Wm 44y Jan 5 1883
Mooning, Nicholas 45 Jan 24 1882
Nelson, Hans 20y 6m 14d Nov 11 1892

Then the institutional policy changed and for a decade, those deceased that were not taken to their homes, were interred in the area referred to as "Potter's Field' section of the Nevada Cemetery.

---no other records between 1882-1918??

East edge of County Cemetery area:

Eckard, H L 1859-27 Oct 1919
Huffman, James 1839-16 June 1919
Jones, Thomas 1841-13 Dec 1918
Walters, John died 2 March 1919
Ward, Joseph 1882-16 June 1919

--no other records between 1919-1921??

Found in County Farm Records:

Croswer, Levi 1840-5 Feb 1922
Hapness, Julie 1859-23 Dec 1922
Kettlewell, Martha 1835-1 Oct 1922
Milne, John 1845-21 Sept 1923
Rice, Charlie 1849-13 April 1921
Vance, Henry 1858-26 Feb 1922

--no records between 1923-1956??

The gap in the Knoll Cemetery ended on July 17, 1956. The Valles grave, as well as others since that time, are marked with the occupant's name and burial date. The burial records of Elbert Stoope tells the story that he had lived at the County Home, as it was later known rather than the Poor Farm, for a number of years and had worked in the laundry.

Interned between 1956-2002 are listed below:

No explanation of who qualifies for a county burial have been found, yet there have also been some since the County Home closed in 1991.

Alcott, Kenneth 1911-1960*
Bailey, Harry 1889-1963
Bradburn, James A 1916-1974
Cartwright, Horace 1878-1960
Chatfield, Henry 1876-1964
Cochonour, Lucinda H 1914-1966
Davis, Arthur 1876-1962*
Easte, Blanche 1900-1962
Johnson, Perry O 1900-1970
Kazmierczak, Philip Tofil died March 29 1957
Kern, James 1904-1972
Knapp, Emma died July 15 1962
McColley, Edwin L 1903-1973
Myers, Gertrude E 1916-1961
Myers, Larry W 1942-1960
Overgaard, Amelia 1899-1964
Severide, Ellen 1909-1983
Simmons, Lillian 1879-1960
Stoops, Albert 1918-1976
Swanson, Elsie 1913-2002 <last burial
Thomas, Jerry Dawayne 1940-1959
Valles, Ragael died 1956
Wall, Birdie 1893-1960
Wastum, Hartley 1936-1998
Waters, Grace 1883-1964

Burials for indigent persons are now provided for in government-regulated estate laws.

McMICHAELCEMETERY

This cemetery is in a part of McFarland Park and is actually in Sec 13 of Franklin Twp, however it is in the area that is isolated between the east side of the Skunk River and Sec 18 of Milford Twp so it had been used for internment of a few Milford Twp people.

In 1859 Adam Grove sold two acres of land for one cent to Franklin Township Trustees for use as a free burying ground for the pioneer community. The cemetery was located next to the only road connecting the early pioneer settlements. It was a stagecoach trail that followed the Skunk River valley. William McMichael, for whom it was named was one of the trustees who cared for the cemetery.

Between 1863 and 1878 some nineteen people were buried in the area. It is known that some were later moved to town and to nearby church cemeteries as they became established. It is believed that the following nine people are still buried in the original burial grounds.

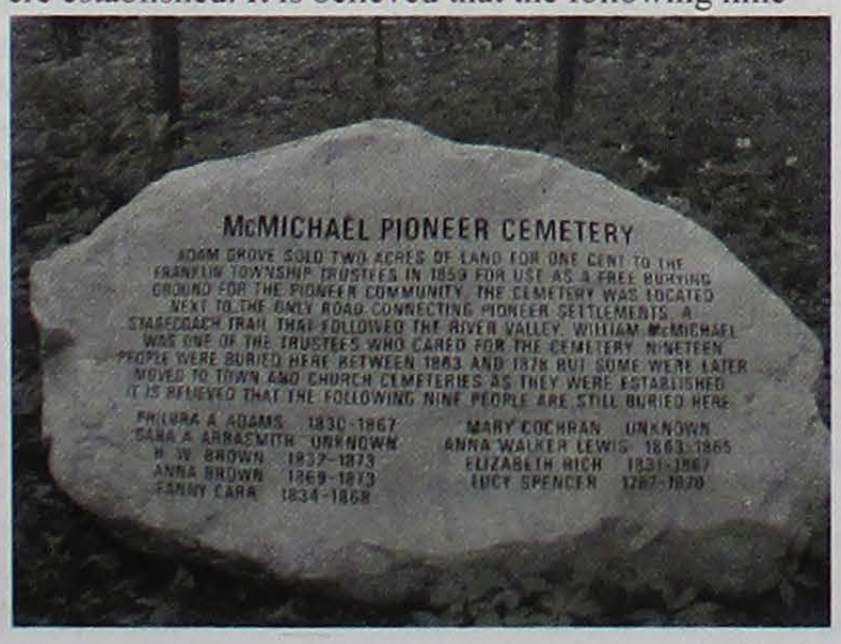
Their markers have long deteriorated:

Adams, Philura A. 1830-1867
Arrasmith, Sara A dates unknown
Brown, Anna 1869-1873
Brown, H W 1832-1873
Carr, Fanny 1834-1868
Cochran, Mary dates unknown
Lewis, Anna Walker 1863-1865
Rich, Elizabeth 1831-1867
Spencer, Lucy 1787-1870

Bob Sanders, a kin of Lucy Spencer, made arrangements with Steve Lekwa and the Story County Conservation Board to have the permanent memorial put in place in May of 2009. The rock was a typical glacial rock deposited in the area centuries ago and selected for the project.

McMichael Pioneer Cemetery
Engraving

"Adam Grove sold two acres of land for one cent to the Franklin Township Trustees in 1859 for use as a free burying ground for the pioneer community. The cemetery was located next to the only road connecting pioneer settlements, a stagecoach trail that followed the river valley. William McMichael was one of the trustees who cared for the cemetery. Nineteen people were buried between 1863 and 1878, but some were later moved to town and church cemeteries as they were established. It is believed that the following nine people are still buried here: Philura A. Adams 1830-1867; Sara A. Arrasmith unknown; H. W. Brown 1832-1873; Anna Brown 1869-1873; Fanny Carr 1834-1868;Mary Cochran unknown; Anna Walker Lewis 1863-1865; Elizabeth Rich 1831-1867; Lucy Spencer 1787-1870."



This Cemetery predates Pleasant Grove by perhaps two decades and some burials that occurred here were later moved to other cemeteries including Pleasant Grove. Ruth Hughes, daughter of TR, who died in 1866 at the age of 26, was moved to Pleasant Grove after its founding in 1877.

All Known Nevada Middle School *Milford Twp Site Students* 1961-1991

This first gourp is former Middle Schoolers that were reported or were proud to sign in during the last 2 LINCOLN HWY DAYS, yet not varified on a class list-which means:
1)not varified with a class yet
2)they moved after 6th grade, & should be included since they were there in 5th or 6th
3)they may not have grad yr correct or may have provided the year they were in 5 or 6th grade

68Bishop, Thaddies
68Lammey, Joe
68Otto, Dennis
68Thompson, Stephen
69Boozell, Vickie
69Cooper, Monica
69Durby, Bill
69Hocking, Darrell
69Risdal, Bruce
69Smith, Becky
69Thompson, Danny
69Varner, Linda
69Winger, Jerry
70Anderson, Patricia
81Benson, Lesa
70Brodie, Craig
70Dady, JoAnn
70Fuss, Donald
70Hocking, Darlene
70Lammey, Betty
70Oxley, Sharon
70Sandvick, Marvin
70Smith, Ted
70Spaid, Jim
71Bryant, Russell
71Coy, Kathy
71Thompson, Linda
71Varner, David
71Wakefield, Ann
72Bryant, Ed
72Risdals, Denise
72Sharp, Chuck
72Spaid, Jackie
72Tjelmeland, Paul
72Winger, Jeff
73Krebs, Teresa
73Smith, Valorie
73Varner, Bunny
73Wilson, Steve
73Witcanack, Lex
78Robinson, Randy
79Munson, Jammy
79Toot, Mary
80Sparks, Vicki
81Sparks, Jeanette
81Berry, Julie
81Dearborn, Katy
82Davis, LuAnn
82Helton, Nico
82Lange, Bill
83Handeland, Denise
83Richards, Jane
84Berry, Sherry
84Mueterthies, Lena
84Shipley, Kim
85McDonald, Jan
A nderson, David '__
Berry, Larry '__
Carleton, John and Tim
Ellers, Norma '__
Gibbins, Joe '__ see pg 292
Gerlach, Denise '__
Hillock, Kevin '__
McCoy, Karen '__
Thompson, Greg '

\\\\\\\\\See page 278 \\\\\\\\\

Milford Twp last Grads were in'61

'62 Milfordites1stGrad@N
'62 Brooks, Connie
'62 Brooks, Gary
'62 Carsrud, Linda
'62 Haugland, Margaret
'62 Horness, Maxine
'62 Kuhns, Phillip
'62 Pauley, Geraldine 'Geri'
'62 Petersen, Karen
'62 Reinhart, Rita
'62 Roberts, Gene
'62 Sorem, Sandra
'62 Strother, Bruce
'62 Tjelmeland, Paul
'62 Twedt, Arlen
'62 Waugh, Steven(Roland)

'63Milford last10thGrad@N
'63 Brooks, Linda
'63 Brooks, Stephen
'63 Cooper, Jimmy
'63 Donaldson,Larry
'63 Fuss, Ila Mae
'63 Hughes, Linda
'63 Risdal, Judy
'63 Thomsen, Judy
'63 VanZee, Carolyn

'64Milford last 9th Grad@N
'64 Anderson, Dorothy
'64 Bishop, Archie
'64 Book, Loren
'64 Danielson, Mark
'64 Eller, Frederick
'64 Fay, Carol
'64 Haugland, Cynthia
'64 Hodgson, Rick
'64 Nelson, Sharon
'64 Petrus, Gary
'64 Rasmusson, Marcia
'64 Risdal, Steven
'64 Sodders, John
'64 Sorem, Dale
'64 Sorensen, Karen
'64 Stone, Daphne
'64 Thompson, Karen
'64 Thompson, Sharon
'64 Tjernagel, Wayne
'64 Twedt, Dennis
'64 Wierson, Wayne

'65Milford last 8th Grad@N
'65 Book, David
'65 Brooks, Delores,
'65 Brooks, Dennis
'65 Brooks, Ronald
'65 Coy, Fred
'65 Coy, Sally
'65 Fitzgerald, Marjorie
'65 Fry, Mike
'65 Haugland, Kathleen
'65 Larsen, Roger
'65 McVey, Ronald
'65 Reinhardt, Ruth
'65 Sandvick, Marcene
'65 Smith, Marvin III
'65 Thompson, LaVerne
'65 Thomsen, Robert
'65 VanZee, Roger
'65 Wakefield, Larry
'65 Wakefield, Linda

'66Milford last 7th Grad@N
'66 Baker, Barbara
'66 Baker, Jean
'66 Carroll, Madline
'66 Dulaney, Wayne
'66 Glosben, Donald
'66 Glosben, Ronald
'66 Harrelson, Dennis
'66 Jacobson, Barbara
'66 Jacobson, Kathryn
'66 Nelson, Stephen
'66 Otto, David
'66 Sorem, Dale
'66 Tjelmeland, Sherry
'66 Twedt, John
'66 Twedt, Owen
'66 Tye, Nancy
'66 Wierson, Margaret
'66 Winger, Tommy

'67Milfordlast 6thGrad @ N
'67 Brooks, David
'67 Cooper, Sydney
'67 Danielson, Ann
'67 Eller, Bruce
'67 Fry, Dick
'67 Hall, Vicki
'67 Hughes, Karen
'67 Petersen, Vicki Ann
'67 Smith, Merrie Lynn
'67 Sorensen, Larry
'67 Sorensen, Linda
'67 Tendall, Vicki
'67 Thomsen, Susan 'Candy'
'67 Twedt, Dean

'68 Milford-last 5th class was the first 6th grade to blend with the Nevada Middle School rosters.

Below are the ***Nevada Graduate Names and years listed between 1968-1998*** *who may have been at the Milford Site for* 5th *and* 6th *grade. The graduates listed from* ***1968 to 1980 are from the actual graduation lists. These listed between 1968-1978 were gleaned by former students to identify those who may have been their classmates in*** 5th ***and*** 6th ***grade. Some Middle School students between 1961 and 1979 or the graduation classes of 1968-1985 may be invertantly ommited if they left the Nevada School system. These listed from 1985-1998 are from the actual*** 5th ***and*** 6th ***Middle School records from the Milford Site between 1979-1991. Any new*** 6th ***graders that may have been in the classes of 1984 or 1990 may not be included.***

Abbott, Cami '86
Abbott, Christopher '83
Abbott, Michael '83
Abrahamson, Joel '86
Ackerman, Audrey '86
Ackerman, Bob '84
Ackerman, Dennis '78
Ackerman, Hugh '88
Ackerman, Jean '81
Ackerman, Joseph '79
Ackerman, Judy '69
Ackerman, Kimberly '78
Ackerman, Mary '74
Ackerman, Michael '81
Ackerman, Peggy '82
Ackerman, Sharon '71
Ackerman, Stefani '84
Adair, Robert '82
Adair, Shawn '87
Adams, Brandon '96
Adams, David '89
Adams, Ehren '90
Adams, Julie '92
Adams, Robby '84
Adams, T.J. '97
Adams, Tonya '90
Adix, Daniel '86
Ahlquist, Angie '98
Ahlquist, Kelly '95
Akins, Chris '85
Akins, Joe '80
Albers, Chad '92
Albers, Denise '89
Aldrich, Amanda '97
Aldrich, James '89
Aldrich, Melissa '94
Aldridge, Brooke '98
Alexander, Aaron x'92
Alexander, Natalie '89
Alleman, Nicole '98
Alleman, Trista '92
Allen, Andrew '96
Allen, Brandon '92
Allen, Darcy Hankins '88
Allen, Garry '83
Allen, Lisa '86
Allen, Lori '80
Allen, Matt '85
Allen, Randy '73
Allen, Stephanie Hankins'88
Allen, Victoria '96
Allison, Brian '78
Allison, Patti '75
Allison, Vicki '73
Amberg, T. Vincent '77
Amberg, Tyrell '78
Amberg,Thad '80
Ambrose, Harry '70 **N**
Ambrose, Mark '68
Ambrose, Stuart '81
Ameen, Anissa '87
Ameen, Tarek '88
Amos, Ann '82
Amos, Brad '88
Amos, Bryce '91
Amundson, Chris '98
Anderson. Chad '96
Anderson, Ann '82
Anderson, Brett '76
Anderson, Brian '90
Anderson, Bryce '92
Anderson, Crystal '95
Anderson, Dori '94
Anderson, Doug '73
Anderson, Glen '90
Anderson, Greg '98
Anderson, Jeff '95
Anderson, Joe '86
Anderson, John '80
Anderson, Justin '98
Anderson, Kim '88
Anderson, Lisa '85
Anderson, Machael '90 ??
Anderson, Mark '92
Anderson, Meredith '96
Anderson, Mike '86
Anderson, Nicole '98
Anderson, Pat '88
Anderson, Rhonda '69
Anderson, Scott '87
Anderson, Shelley '70 **N**
Anderson, Signa '79
Anderson, Steven '81
Anderson, Susan '69
Anderson, Tracy '78
Andresen, Lisa '73
Andresen, Marc '76
Andrew, Cynthia '77
Angle, Corliss '69 **N**
Angle, Rita '70
Annis, Patty '89
Antill, Kim '96
Apland, Brian '79
Apland, Sheryl '81
Apland, Steven '83
Appelgate, DeAnn '80
Appelgate, Monte '83
Appelgate, Nicole '90
Appelgate, Patricia '69
Appelgate, Scott '85
Appelgate, Stacy '87
Appelgate, Vicki '68
Arduser, Kari '88
Arends, Neal '90
Arends, Trevor '92
Argenta, Cayla '86
Argenta, Crystal '84 **N**
Argotsinger, Jamie '80
Argotsinger, Jeff '74
Argotsinger, Julie '78
Armburg, Diane '78
Armstrong, Jeff '92
Armstrong, Martha '68
Armstrong, Robert '90
Arthur, Andy '95
Arthur, Aron '95
Askern, Joe '87
Askern, Sandra '90
Atkins, Celeste '85
Atkins, Christina '78
Atkins, Cindy '75
Atkins, Jacqueline '80
Atkins, Jill '87
Atkins, Tracy '81
Atkinson, Ann '73
Atkinson, Celeste '93
Atkinson, Danny '68
Atkinson, James '76
Atkinson, Mary Jane '79
Atkinson, Sara '90
Atwell, Bobby '91
Atwell, Charles '81
Atwell, John '79
Atwell, Sarah '89
Ausucua, Edwin '76
Babbitt, Mike '74
Babbitt, Ronnie '73
Babcock, Paula '95
Backoff, Jeremy '97
Backoff, Joshua '95
Backoff, Robert '95
Backous, Dennis '69
Backous, Michael '71
Bader, Kay '78
Bagnall, William '79
Bainter, Harv '91
Bainter, Harvey Jr '71
Bainter, Jacob '94
Bainter, Jason '94
Baird, Jolene '92
Bairey, Jason '90
Bairey, Melody '83
Bairey, Michael '80
Bairey, Monica '87
Baker, Angela '96
Baker, Allison '96
Baker, Barbara '68
Baker, Bryan '81
Baker, Cybil '94
Baker, David '89
Baker, Fred '82
Baker, Joe '87
Baker, Larry '70
Baker, Mike '90
Baker, Mitch '97
Baker, Rachel '96
Baldus, Cindy '76
Baldus, DuWayne '72
Baldus, Jennifer '90
Baldus, Roxane '79
Baldus, Warren '95
Ball, Denise '82
Ball, Karisten '96
Ball, Rodney '79
Ball, Sandra '78
Ball, Sheryl '74
Ball, Susan '73
Ballantine, Blaine '75
Ballentine, Edward Jr '69
Banks, Brian '97
Banks, Charlene '69
Banks, Dave '73
Banks, Edward '70
Banks, Hope '85
Banks, Jeff '94
Banks, Joey '90
Banks, Julie '81
Banks, Kevin '88
Banks, Lisa '82
Banks, Samuel '71
Banks, Tracy '86
Bappe, Daniel '68 # **N**
Bappe, John '71
Bappe, Lori '76
Bappe, Shari '73
Barber, Clifford '80
Barber, Gary '81
Barber, Melissa '91
Barber, Tammy '89
Barker, Daniel '77
Barker, Jeremy '91
Barker, Kevin '81
Barker, Linda '73
Barker, Melisa '93
Barker, Micheal '70
Barker, Rick '77
Barker, Steve '72
Barker, Timothy '78
Barker, Troy '87
Barrett, James '74
Barrett, Richard '76
Bartell, JoAnn '69
Bartell, Lester '70
Bartmess, Daniel '82
Bartmess, Sherry '68
Bartmess, Tammy '87
Bass, Cheri '93
Bass, Lori x'85
Bass, William '91

Bates, Kelly '95
Bates, Michael '82
Bates, Michele '86
Baumann, Allison '98
Baumann, Cecily '96
Baumgardner, Melissa '96
Beach, Catlyn '97
Beal, Barbara '70
Beattie, Bradley '79
Beck Douglas '87
Beck, David '79
Becvar, Michael '96
Becvar, Michelle '94
Belgum, Thore '86
Bell, Tom '94
Bender, Connie '75
Bender, Marilyn '70
Bender, Timothy '74
Benenate, Angela '96
Benenate, Natalia '98
Benning, Kevin '74
Benson, Daniel '87
Benson, Lesa '80
Benson, Patricia '71
Berglund, Lea Ann '77
Berry, Danny '88
Berry, Steve '73
Besler, Becky '86
Besler, Karen '89
Besler, Tom '89
Bianchin, Luciana '84
Bianchin, Paulo '82
Billingsley, Donovan '90
Billingsley, Kim '91
Bills, Sharon '69
Birkestrand,Delores '69
Bitters, Shawn '93
Black, Cory '97
Black, Dennis '68
Black, Derrick '93
Black, Kaela '93
Black, Michelle '90
Black, Rick '69
Black, Sheryl '71
Black, Stephanie '90
Black, Suzanne '80
Black, Tara '91
Blackford, Autumn '94
Blackledge, Kenneth '68
Blaine, Robby '91
Blake, Jessica '98
Blanchard, Jason '85
Blanchard, Marcy '83
Blanchard, Shari '79
Blank, Amy '89
Blank, Ange '92
Blank, Greg '85
Bledsoe, Tim '98
Blevins, Mylissa '94
Blevins, Robert '90
Blome, Laura '98
Blythe, Joshua '91
Blythe, Nathan '93
Bockman, Travis '89
Bockoven, Toni '97
Bodensteiner, Angela '89
Bodensteiner, Matt '86
Boetel, Mark '77
Boetel, Michael '76
Boetel, Patricia '79
Bonthala, Sathish '85
Bonthala, Suparna '89
Bonthala, Vamsi '96
Book, Brenda '94
Book, David '70
Book, Sara '89
Book, Susan '98
Booram, Cindi '81 **N**
Boozell, Kathy '72
Borton, Aaron '80
Borton, Brian '85
Borton, Connie '71
Borton, Jackie '82
Borton, Richard '78
Borton, Todd '87
Borton, Victoria '77
Borts, Janet '72
Borts, Murl '70
Borwick, Chad '94
Bosch, Cristean '87
Boster, Michelle '97
Bostian, Angela '89
Boston, Frances '71 **N**
Boswell, Dale '78
Boswell, David '81
Bottorf, Amy '94 ? ? ?
Bottorf, Jeremy '97
Bourlard, Michele '78
Bowers, Linda '73
Bowers, Mark '69
Bowers, Ryan '95
Boyd, Jason '91
Boysen, Jennifer '94
Bramley, Phillip '94
Brandt, Carol '72
Brandt, Linda '75
Brandt, Lori '74
Brandt, Michael '69
Breeden, Micheal '79
Breeden, Stephen '83
Breer, Brad '87
Breer, Carl '85
Breitsprecher, Charles '78
Breitsprecher, David '79
Briggs, Bonnie '84
Briggs, Brent '81
Briggs, Jacqueline '80
Brinkman, Kimberley '82
Brinkman, Susan '85
Brittain, Tom '90
Brock, Stephanie '96
Brodie, Boyd '81
Brodie, Brent '78
Brodie, Catherine '82
Brodie, Chris '80
Brodie, Garnet '77
Brodie, Jerry '77
Brodie, Lisa '98
Brodie, Rod '91
Brodie, Ryan '94
Brodie, Steven '69
Broekemeier, Bonnie '90
Brooks, Brad '77
Brooks, Carol '69
Brooks, Charlotte '74
Brooks, Chuck '72
Brooks, Clinton '68
Brooks, Donald '68
Brooks, James '81
Brooks, Jeanette '70
Brooks, Kevin '77
Brooks, Loren '72
Brooks, Richard '77
Brooks, Stephanie '98
Brown, Arlene '70
Brown, Dallas '81
Brown, Dan '85
Brown, Jared '95
Brown, Kristin '87
Brown, Rick '87
Brown, Shane '98
Brown, Steve '93
Brown, Tamara '93
Brown, Tim '98
Brown, Tracy '88
Brown, Warren '84
Browning, Trina '93
Bruce, Steve '73 #
Bruening, Suzanne '96
Brunkhorst, Tami '89
Bruns, Matt '92
Bruns, Neil '96
Bruns, Richard '93
Bryant, Arlys '76
Bryant, Diane '69
Buchholtz, Scott '89
Buck, Robert '69
Buck, Robert '95
Buffington, Joseph '96
Bugely, Traci '89
Bullock, Candi '90
Bullock, Debbie '94
Bullock, Gay '79
Bullock, Jennifer '96
Bullock, Jeverna '72
Bullock, Karen '77
Bullock, Marne '87
Bullock, Monte '90
Bullock, Shawn '94
Bullock, Sherman Jr '69
Bunn, Brian '92
Bunn, Jason '96
Bunnell, Anna '75
Bunnell, Vincent '88
Burdess, Konnie '71
Burdess, Mike '74
Burdess, Richard '70
Burdess, Warren 'Dave' '72
Burgess, Gale '71
Burnett, B.J. '92
Burnett, Ben '94
Burnett, Cynthia '69
Burnett, Dana '87
Burnett, David '78
Burnett, Jeffrey '84
Burnett, Keith '70
Burnett, Lynn '71 #
Burnett, Matt '89
Burnett, Scott '79
Burnett, Steven '70
Burnett, Suzanne '71
Burnett, Vanessa '91
Burnett, Wendi '78
Burns, Matt '92
Burtnett, Alison '94
Burtnett, Angela '91
Bushman, Debbie '74
Bushman, Dennis '70
Bushman, Diane '72
Bushman, Gary '85
Butcher, Shannon '85
Butcher, Stacy '91
Butler, Lyle '77
Buttry, Abby '97
Buttry, Angela '95
Byers, Cecelia '72
Byers, Mary '68
Byers, Steve '75
Bylund, Denise '71
Bylund, Doug '93
Bylund, Thomas '69
Cable, Donna '90
Cadel, Gluseppe '70
Cadwell, Jim '86
Cagwin, Richard '70
Cahill, Jeanne '92
Cahill, Mark '90
Cahill, Sheila '87
Caldwell, Bethany '83 **N**
Caldwell, Nancy '89
Caler, Virginia '85
Calhoun, Alan '83
Calhoun, Beth '96
Calhoun, Douglas '81
Calhoun, Terry '80
Cameron, Cody '84
Cameron, Curtis '80
Cameron, Robert '95
Cannell, Douglas '77
Cannell, Jodelle '76
Cannell, Melinda '80
Cantonwine, Jason '92
Cantonwine, Patty '91
Car-Skaden, Russell '97
Carey, James '68
Carey, Lynne '78 **N**
Carithers, Jeffrey '73
Carlson, Jane '69
Carlson, Karen '75
Carlson, Mikeal '81
Carlton, Jamie '97
Carlton, Zachary '94
Carmack, Carole '77
Carmack, Lori '78
Carmack, Michael '80
Carman, Shane '89
Carman, Sherry '78
Carmody, Scott '79
Carmody, Sean '82
Carney, Mike '70
Carsrud, Bryan '91
Carsrud, Cathy '85
Carsrud, Charles '89
Carsrud, Cherrine '83
Carsrud, Christine '83
Casebolt, David '69
Casebolt, John '68
Casperson, Carol '78
Casperson, Debra '79
Casperson, Gloria '68
Casperson, Michael '68
Caruth, Cleiton '93
Cavender, Cindy '83
Ceretti, Tina '72
Ceretti, Norine '74
Chance, Mark '88
Chaplin, Wendy '97
Chaplin, Wesley '91 #
Charbonneau, Cathie '89
Charbonneau, Carrie '83
Chase, Arlen '92
Cheek, Brenda '83
Cheek, Debbie '80
Cheek, James '86
Cherryholmes, Linda '90
Chesher, Courtney '98
Chesher, Nathaniel '95
Cheville, Sara '88
Chicoine, Jay '95
Childers, Joshua '97
Chitty, Angela '88
Chitty, Martin '77
Chitty, Matthew '78
Chitty, Rod '85
Choat, Abbie '98
Choat, Adam '95
Christensen, Annette '81
Christensen, David '71
Christensen, Ed '79
Christensen, Galen '88
Christensen, Lynn '68
Christensen, Tim '77
Christian, Brad '87
Christian, Brent '84
Christian, Stephanie '91
Christy, Cali '73
Christy, Diana '68
Christy, Jon '80 # **N**
Christy, Julie '75
Christy, Lynette '79
Christy, Vicki '69
Cirksena, Bruce '97
Cirksena, Donavan '98
Clark, Chris '87
Clark, Cindy '88
Clark, Craig '91
Clark, David '68
Clark, Kyle '91 92
Clark, Matt '92
Clark, Michael '98
Clark, Sean '90
Clark, Teresa '89
Cleary, Deirdre '86
Clem, Chris '86
Clem, Jennifer '96
Clem, Pat '89
Clemons, Ann '83 **N**
Clemons, Bob '74
Clemons, Matthew '93
Clemons, Peggy '79
Clemons, Penny '75
Clifford, Laura '90 **N**
Clifford, Nancy '89
Clifford, Susan '87
Clouser, Barbara '96
Clouser, Jeffrey '90
Clouser, Susan '98
Clouser, Tamra '88
Coburn, Heather '92
Cochran, Daniel '94
Cochran, Jessie '98
Cochran, Scott '83
Cochran, Steven '77 **N**
Cockerham, Lester '81
Cockerham, Lisa '92
Cockerham, Susan '77
Cockshoot, Ann '79
Cockshoot, Bruce '69
Cockshoot, Ellen '72
Cockshoot, Hugh '76
Coelho, Francisco '77
Coffey, Michael '69
Coleman, Patricia '69
Colhoun, Brian '86
Collings, Brian '78
Collings, Greg '74
Collings, Randy '73
Collins, James '71
Collins, Jeffrey '80
Collins, Jerry '82
Conklin, George '75
Conklin, Karen '74
Conklin, Rebecca '70
Conley Eddie '71
Conrad, Amber '93
Conrad, David '80
Conrad, Elizabeth '76
Conrad, Michael '86
Conrad, Michelle '90
Conrad, Randy '88
Cook, Alyssa '98
Cook, Amber '95
Cook, Dana '79
Cook, Denise '77
Cook, Donelle '83 **N**
Cook, Kris '80
Cook, Lisa '87
Cook, Mary Ann '71
Cook, Ned '95
Cooper, Cindy '73
Cooper, Michele '68
Cooper, Nancy '70
Cooprider, Ashley '98
Coover, Roger '68
Corbin, Claudette '69
Corbin, Dennis '74
Corbin, Dwight '72
Corbin, Elaine '72
Corbin, Jason '93
Corbin, Jeffrey '76
Corbin, Jessy '95
Corbin, Karen '71
Corbin, Karl '78 #
Corbin, Kris '78
Corbin, Lynn '81
Corbin, Matt '94
Corbin, Michelle '90
Corbin, Orion '97
Corbin, Tenielle '98
Corbin, Waylon '95
Corder, Corey '97
Corder, Jared '92
Corder, Kelly '94
Cordes, John '86
Cordes, Larry '82
Cordes, Teresa '84
Cornelius, Deborah '74
Cornelius, Marvin '68
Coughenour, Bradley '81
Countryman, Kay '73
Couser, Bill '73
Couser, Cathy '74 -Sec.
Couser, Douglas '79
Couser, Jennifer '89
Couser, Robert '83
Couser, Susan '80
Couser, Thomas '77
Cox, Deb '86
Cox, Mike '87
Coy, Michael '68
Crabbs, Lesa '93
Crabbs, Mark '95
Crabtree, Lindsay '76
Crain, Cory '94
Crain, Shawn '85
Craven, Alan '86
Craven, Laurie '91
Croghan, Bill '73
Croghan, Laura '71 **N**
Croker, Brandi '91
Croker, Jeremy '90
Croker, Jill '90
Croker, Jim '87
Crooks, Ramona '70
Crooks, Rosalie '72
Cross, Deena '75
Crouse, Curtis '78
Crouse, Lesa '74
Crouse, Rodney '71
Crouse, Terry '73
Crouse, Wendell '72
Crow, Michael '84 **N**
Culp, Adam '80
Culp, Eric '78
Culp, Kevin '74
Culp, Steve '73
Cunningham, Cori '98
Curry, Becky '89
Daehler, Dee Ann '79
Dahlgren, Michelle '90
Damon, Phyllis '78

Dana, Cheri '88
Dankel, Chad '92
Dankel, Chris '92
Dankel, Scott '88
Darrah, Leora '80
Darrow, Dawn '82
Darrow, Robin '89
Daub, Jennie '70
Daub, Sally '75
Daub, Ted '77
Davenport, Deb '89
Davies, Angela '95
Davis, Charles III '71
Davis, Clayton '72
Davis, Coray '95
Davis, Dennis '80
Davis, Diane '76
Davis, Faye '86
Davis, Keith '81
Davis, Kindra '75
Davis, Kraig '76
Davis, Kristen '94
Davis, Kyla '78
Davis, Louise '81
Davis, Mary Jo '73
Davis, Mike '93
Davis, Patty '74
Davis, Randall '78
Davis, Richard '82
Davis, Rodney '82
Davis, Victoria '80
Davis, Wesley '96
Dawson, Joshua '97
Dawson, Malom II '70
Dawson, Mike '72
Dawson, Patty '75
Dawson, Richard '77
Day, Ronald '69
Deal, Julie '89
Deal, Melissa '81
Dearborn, Jeanette '81
Dearborn, Suzette '78
Deaton, Lowell Jr '83
Deaton, Rayleen '81
DeBoest, Susan '78
Dehner, Kelly '78
Dehner, Shelly '80
Dehner, Vicky '81
DeLaRosa, Amy '90
Dempsey, Deanna '72
Dempsey, John '69
Dempsey, Robert '76
Desher, Deloris '77
Desher, Diane '73
Desher, Donald '75
Desher, Niki '96
Deyoe, David '79
Deyoe, Debra '84
Deyoe, Janet '82
Deyoe, Susan '80
DeYoung, Julie '74
Dietrich, Chris '87
Dillon, Carol '72
Dillon, David '70
Dillon, Shelley '73
DiMarco, Cristina '89
DiMarco, Tracy '85
DiPalermo, Bobbi '95
DiPalermo, Shane '95
Dippel, Rita '88
Dippel, Tracey '86
Ditmarson, Danny '75
Ditmarson, David '72
Dixon, Kirk '69
Dobson, Chad '93
Dobson, Keri '95
Dobson, Larry '93
Dobson, Rick '72
Dodd, Harold '71
Dodd, Jennifer '92
Dodd, Kedra '98
Dodd, Ricky '77
Dodson, J.J. '95
Dodson, Kendra '83
Doeden, Christie '87
Doeden, Jennifer '84
Donaldson, Loren '68
Doobay, Chad '96
Doobay, Daven '91
Doobay, Indira '87
Doughman, David '68
Douglas, Craig '72
Douglas, James '94
Douglas, Rebecca '93
Downing, Glen '85
Downing, Renee '89
Downs, Jamie '97
Drennan, Raenette '79
DuBois, Benjamin '93
DuBois, Brandon '98
Dueland, Dean '74
Duffey, Lanoix '78
Duhn, Theresa '83
Duit, Annette '76
Duit, David '85
Duit, Devin '81
Dulaney, Heather '97
Dulley, Robyn '79
Dunahoo, Jeff '85
Dunahoo, Lorrie '86
Dunahoo, Matt '89
Dunn, Douglas '70
Dunn, Thomas '73
Durby, Bradley '78
Durby, Randy '74
Durby, Toni '75
Dutton, Bret '92
Dyer, Joyce '78
Dyer, Karey '84
Dyer, Pamela '81
Earles, Jami '95
Earles, Jenny '94
Early, Kristy '91
Eaton, Jason '92
Ebert, Mary '72
Ebert, William '77
Eckhart, Heidi '96
Edwards, Natasha '98
Eekhoff, Jaci '89
Eekhoff, Steffen '84 ??
Eekhoff, Jodi '81
Egeland, Adam '97
Egeland, Rachel '93
Eggers, Jennifer '83
Eggers, Matt '92
Eggers, Nicole '87
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Van Tilbury, Jill '72
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Wait, Ellen '76 **N**
Wait, Mike '74
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Wells, Debbie '72 **N**
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West, Kim '71
West, Kirk '68
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Young, Robert '69
Young, Evan '77
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Young, Michael '78
Young, Robin '76
Young, Sandra '81
Young, Terri '79
Zimmerman, Clint '94
Zimny, Brenda '88
Zimny, Carol '93
Zimny, Karen '85
Zmolek, Terry '92

The Nevada Middle School Milford Site closed in May of 1991 so the Graduation Class of 1998 was the last class to experienced such educational opportunities in MilfordTwp!* ! * ! *

ALL KNOWN
NEVADA MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF
1961-1991
PRINCIPAL

Prin, Robert Frank 1966-70
PrinA;DrLeladWolf 1966-70
Prin, Harv Hindley 1970-71
PrinA,Arlen Padgett1970-71
Prin, JimvWalker 1978-'91

BUS DRIVERS
Davis, Mr & Mrs Bob
Davis,Vive
Durby, Mr & Mrs
Galloway, Mr
Hanson, Mr
Myers, Cecil
Mitchell, Bonnie
Padgett, Mr
Page, Phil
Schoep, Arden

COOKS
Heintz, Lois
Pauley, Mrs Vic 1961-9
Stahl, Barbara
Thomas, Mrs Henry
Weber, Dixie 8 years

CUSTODIANS
Berry, Larry 1970-71
Pauley, Vic 1966-71
See, Mr (Summers)1969-

FACULTY
Anderson, Mr 5th 1969-70
Bauer, Mrs 5th 1969-70
Blauvelt, Ms BD 1967-8
Boester, Mrs 5th 1978-'79
Busch, Mrs Mu 1969-71
Butler, Mrs 6th 1967-8
Castle, Mrs Art 1968-71
Clausen, Mrs 5th 1968-9
Collings, Mr 6th 1968-
Cook, Mrs Art 1968-9
Doolittle, Mrs 5th 1961-70
Terry, Mrs 5th-6th 1966-9
Dunn, Mr 6th 1967-'80
Flanery, Mrs 6th 1985-'91
Gallagher, Mrs 5th 1966-'91
Gustafson, Mr 6th 1968-'85
Halverson, Mrs RN 1970-71
Hardin NedtwigMrs 5th 1978-'91
Johnson, Mrs 6th 1980-'91
Kellogg, Mr ?? 1970-71
Kleiss, Mrs 6th 1969-70
Krambeck, Mr PE 1966-7
Large, Mr PE 1967-8
Matsteller, Mrs 5th 1966-7
McBirney,MrsS/Ed 1966-71
Moen, Mr 6th 1987-'91
Netz, Ms Library 196?-'91
Niblock, Mrs 6th 1968-9
Olsen, Mrs 5th-6th 1979-'82
OsmundsonMrs 6th 1968-'91
Patterson, Mrs Bd 1969-71
Payton, Mr 6th 1970-71
Perkins, Mr 6th 1967-71
Place, Ms Mu 1966-8
Rehor, Mrs 5th 1966-7
Rolland, Ms 5th 1979-'91
Safly, Mrs 6th 1968-9
Seikmeier,Mrs 6th 1968-9
Smith, Mrs 5th 1978-'84
Stowe, Ms RN 1970-71
Sullivan, Mr 6th 1985-'91
Toot, Mr Joe 6th 1970-'91
Volkmer, Mrs 5th 1968-9
Weaver, Ms 6th 1967-8
WilsonWhitakerMs 6th 1982-'91

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Middleschoolers Tid Bits:
Class of '67 reported selecting Milford as the #1 site to see for their 45th Reunion.-- Also that during the tour, Tim Tendall was humerously intertaining.
Class of 1973 toured the Milford School for their 35th class reunion in 2008
Class of '75 remembers the Trampoline being introduced in PE class by Mr Kramer; that Mrs. Volkmer had trendy color coordinated clothes and they choose the Pink Panthers for their basketball team mascot.
Class of '82 reported having their Senior picture taken out at Milford for the inside of the yearbook.

Sarah Atwell: It was a great place. We were driven to our own little space for middle school. Sure miss the place.

Michelle Boster '97: teaches written communication@ NHS

Jenette Hagen reported being bumped a class, no 8th for her.

Stacey Hunerdosse: I loved it, we all had such a blast.

Vicki Sparks: Favorite Teacher was Mrs O.

Matt ?? Mike Worrall said on the bus rides they often sang, such selections included: 'from the halls of' Milford Prison to the shores of Ship – ley'.

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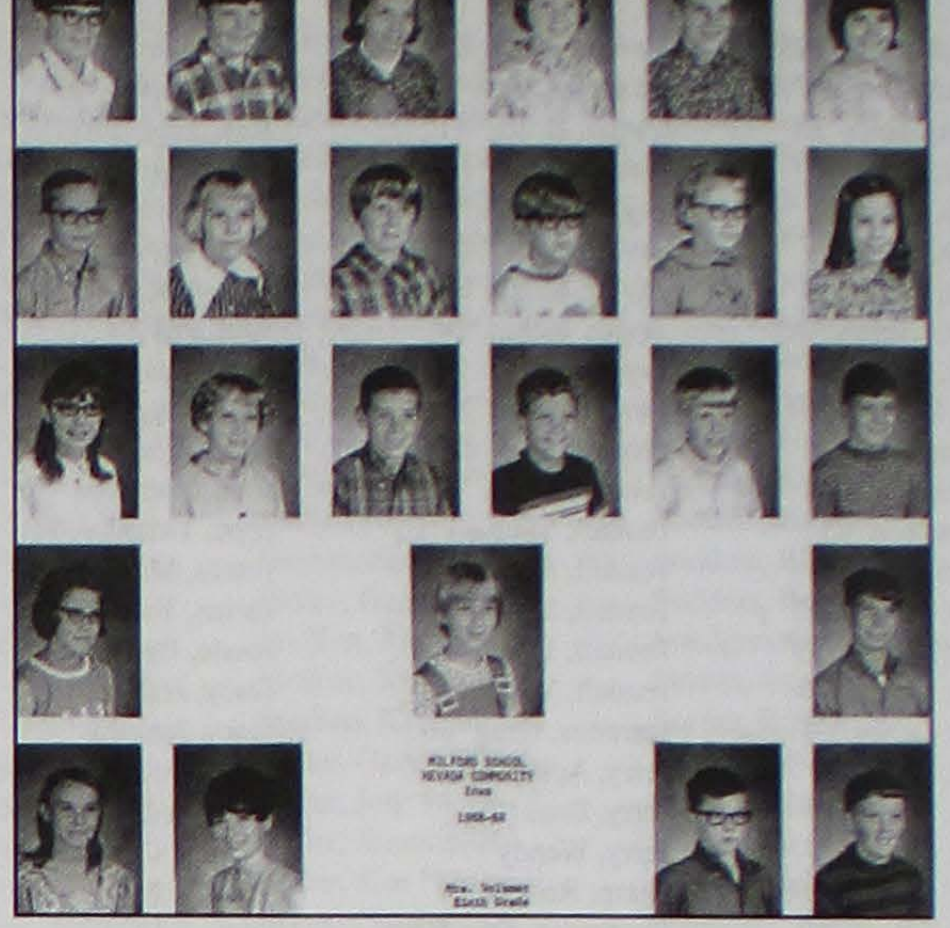
School Nurse

Mrs Halverson. The Nurse on page 331 Ms Stowe.



A typical class, totally unidentified, represents some of the students of Milford Attendance Center.

Nevada Paper 27 March 1939: *Wednesday, 29 March 1939, is the scheduled date for the Milford one-act play cast in the "District Contest" to appear at Iowa City for the annual play production festival Those schools with whom Milford will compete are Miles Monona, and Ocheyedan. The playing time is 9:30 Am/. In order to raise funds to defray expenses to Iowa City, the play was given Thursday 22 March as a part of the PTA program, at which time a free will offering was taken Those of the play cast are Delores Borts, Margaret Edgerton, Dixon Harper, Edward Larson, and Inez Sampson. Maxine Murdock is the dramatic coach.*

They had won first place in the Story County contest finals earlier against Colo, and Huxley.

Mrs Williams Cinnamon Rolls

Mrs Lon (Emma) Williams, long time cook at Milford School in the 1950's, had a formula for making the best cinnamon rolls that have ever been created. The following recipe, and we think and hope that it is the one she used at School, is reproduced for your dining pleasure.

2 pkgs yeast
1/3 cup warm water
2 cups milk
1 scant cup shortening
1 cup sugar
6 beaten eggs
8 cup flour enough to make soft dough
2 t. salt

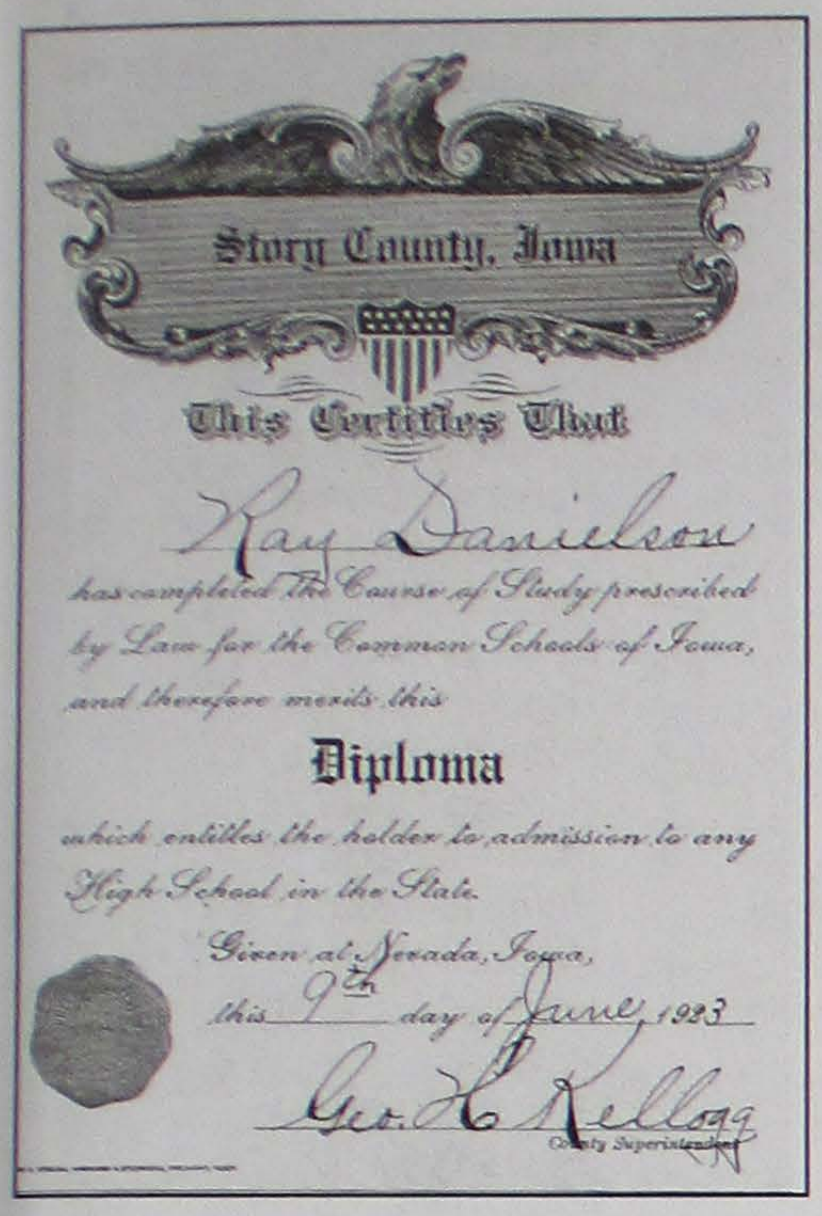
Soften yeast in warm water, scald milk, let cool. Add sugar, salt and shortening to cooked milk. Then add flour to make soft dough. Mix well. Add yeast mixture and eggs.. Mix thoroughly. Knead in bowl until smooth and satiny. Cover and let rise in warm place until double in size. (About 1 1/2 Hours)
When light, punch down and let rest 10 minutes. Divide batter into fourths, Roll each fourth into long narrow strips 1/4 inch thick and 6 inches wide. Spread with butter and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Roll like jelly roll and cut rolls about 1 inch thick. Place in well greased pan and let rise until double in size Bake 225 min. at 350 degrees.

Glaze for Cinnamon Rolls

1 1/2 cups confectioner's sugar
4 T. hot milk
1/2 t. Vanilla
Mix until smooth. Spread over hot rolls.

A Pair of Interesting Documents.

Left and Right: These two documents are very rare items now and are shared by the family of Ray Danielson '27. The one on the left was issued as an Eighth grade graduation certificate in June of 1923. This would have been the last full school year to have graduated from the wood one room schools and not get to use the new brick school. Also, notice that the certificate says, "entitles the holder to admission to any High School in the State." That's a powerful statement. And signed by the County Superintendant Kellogg.


Story County, Iowa

This Certifies That

Ray Danielson

has completed the Course of Study prescribed by Law for the Common Schools of Iowa, and therefore merits this

Diploma

which entitles the holder to admission to any High School in the State.

Given at Nevada, Iowa, this 9th day of June, 1923

Geo. H. Kellogg

County Superintendent

Milford Township

High School

This Certifies That

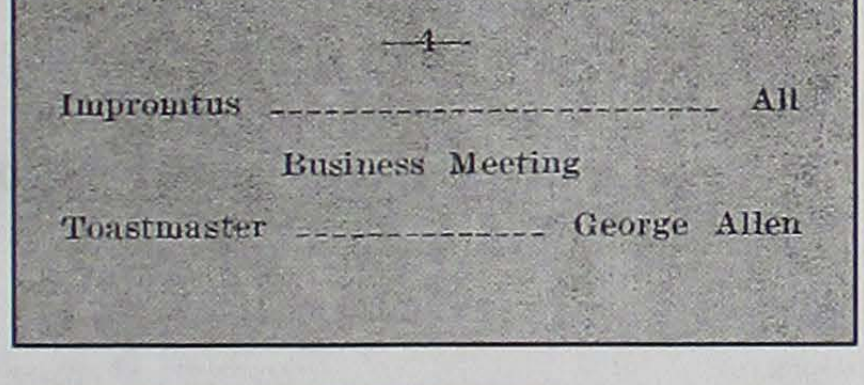
Ray Jewell Danielson

has satisfactorily completed the Course of Study prescribed by the Board of Education for the High School and is therefore entitled to this

DIPLOMA

Given under our hands at Nevada, Iowa, this 25th day of May, 1927

Above: One of only ten such diplomas in the world is this copy of a 1927 diploma issued to Milford's FIRST graduating class. Ray Danielson was one of those ten. It is signed by Supt Michaelson and Carl Warren, President of the Board.


Program

—1—

Address of Welcome ---- Ray Danielson

Response ---------- Arlet Christian

—2—

Memories ---------- George Hansen

Expectations ---------- Bernice Howland

—3—

How It Feels To Be An Alumnus
John Hereim

What I am Going To Do And Why
Olive Christian

—4—

Impromtus ---------- All

Business Meeting

Toastmaster ---------- George Allen

Left; The program from the first Alumni Banquet held in the spring of 1928, just a year after the first class graduated. On the side opposite was a menu for the evening-nothing elaborate but very substantial. It was held at the Sheldon Munn Hotel in Ames.

Hall of Fame
Doug Sampson

Doug Sampson '74N, son of Glen and Etheleen Sampson '43, was inducted into the Nevada Hall of Fame January 4, 2008. In recognition of his outstanding Athletic Achievement. Doug lettered in 3 sports; 3 years each in Basketball, Football and Track. As a tail back he was named to the 1st All Team in the Heart of Iowa Conference and was an IHSAA All State Honorable Mention in 1971. He was also very active in 4-H and FFA.

Doug Sampson was in the last kindergarten class at Milford Twp in 1961. He attended at the Milford Sight through third grade, was in Shipley for fourth and back to Milford with the Nevada Middle School.

Doug and Dianna have three children. In the fall of 2005 Todd was Capt of the All State Football Team and selected on the IHSAA 1st Team. In Soccer, a 4 year varsity team player. In 2004,and in 2005 Nevada played at State and he was Capt of the All State Team. See Cory and Amy on page 265.

Alan Twedt '57 makes it look easy as he helps the Milford cause with a break away layup. This game was against Gilbert and resulted in a Milford Victory 87-61 in Dec of 1955. Alan got 16 for the evening and Norman Honderd tallied 26.

In Sept of 1955 the **Parents Teacher Association** held a meeting at the School. In a pair of seemingly conflicting articles, one, before the meeting, said the PTA was celebrates its 25th year and another, just after the event said "Observed 30th birthday" at this meeting.

Whichever the case may be, the first meeting of the Milford PTA was held in September of 1925 with Mrs Martha Sowers serving as founder and first president of the organization.

At the meeting, with Irene Jacobson as President, one of the highlights was the recognition given to Mrs George Martha Sowers because of being the first president of the Milford PTA and in appreciation for her many years of service and Mrs EG Morfey for her outstanding loyalty during the years. page 207

Cake and ice cream were served at the close of the evening by Mrs Lon Williams and her committee, the ice cream being furnished by the PTA.

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